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from Keir Radnedge in Barcelona

Chaos, disputes, rows, yes the World Cup has begun!

WHEN FIFA President Joao Havelange happily endorsed the increase of the World Cup Finals to accommodate 24 teams he obviously didn't appreciate the problems this would mean for the hosts.

He found out all right, before the opening match in Barcelona.

No doubt all the ceremonial, with the thousands of young people involved in their dancing patterns, looked fine on television, just as the climactic dove of peace made a beautiful shot for television.

But the eyes can be deceived.

For many people in the stadium itself the dove of peace appeared little more than a straggly crowd of kids. And, in just the same way, so the truth was that in the organisational chaos surrounding the match, even Havelange himself was nearly turned away because his official accreditation had gone astray.

A few weeks back Havelange had hit more snags during a tour of the stadia when the much-criticised Mundiespana Tourist Consortium cancelled his hotel reservations for no apparent reason.

In the background a minor diplomatic war was being carried on between the national government and the Barcelona provincial leaders over the great event and a measure of the inter-regional jealousy was evident from the following day's newspapers.

The Barcelona papers turned out extra pages, special supplements and thousands upon thousands of words about the greatest day in the city's sports history. The Madrid papers merely recorded the fact that the World Cup was under way and left it at that.

That a country should be so split over its attitude to the World Cup in its midst might be vaguely amusing if that antagonism had been contained within the corridors of power. Too much of that confusion spilled over however to affect fans, the media and even organising officials.

Having got all that out of my system, I have to recognise that of 1,500 million fans watching around the world, the local logistical difficulties meant nothing. Many of you reading this would, after all, gratefully accept the hassle for the opportunity of being in Spain to watch football history.

That being the case, maybe you can understand the great feeling of relief when Diego Maradona — most appropriately since he was appearing before his new masters and supporters — set the World Cup under way. After all the politics . . . at last, the football.

Argentina were here to defend the championship won with such high speed skill four years ago. And the famous Ramblas in the centre of Barcelona bore the air of those heady days in Buenos Aires both the nights before and after the game there were the blue and white flags, the copies even of *El Grafico* on the news stands.

Few weeks in Argentine history have matched this: the military action in the Falklands, the visit of the Pope, and the World Cup. To North European fans that may appear faintly ridiculous — to bracket football (it's only a game, after all) in with those other matters. But football is that important to the Argentines.

In fact that may well have had much to do with the way their players "froze" on the night.

It's amazing how quickly heroes can turn into villains. Four years ago Cesar Menotti could do no wrong, but as soon as the Belgians had concluded their deserved victory so the Argentine fans and media were starting to consider Menotti in a new light.

Why did he play Maradona so deep when such skill was needed on the edge of the penalty box? Why was there, apparently, no cover at centre-forward for Ramon Diaz (Valdano, who came on as sub, is a winger)? Why had Menotti kept such faith with his 1978 men and given the new boys so few chances?

The risk the Argentines ran in all this was not so much that defeat would affect their own morale, but that the Hungarians — now their most dangerous opponents — would be massively encouraged to discover that Argentina could be beaten.

As opening matches go this was a good one. For a start it produced a goal, and none of the four previous opening matches (the tradition was begun in England in 1966) had seen that.

Menotti claimed offside over the goal but he might privately have been more concerned about the indecision of goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol. As Frankie Vercauterens long cross bounced up and down in front of Erwin Vandenbergh, the centre-forward gave Fillol time to throw himself forward. Instead like a mouse facing a cat, Fillol was mesmerised and the Belgian struck the ball home.

Vandenbergh was one hero for the Belgians, though he could have left the pitch as the culprit after his remarkable miss in the first half when it seemed impossible not to score. But then, Vandenbergh is growing up in the game, still. Only now, after making his reputation with little Lierse, is he to move into the big-time with Anderlecht.

Winger Alex Czerniatynski will do the same after the World Cup as last season's beaten European Cup semi-finalists try to make up lost ground on Standard Liege. We could be in for some lively football in Belgium next season from these two — particularly while Eric Gerets goes on improving.

In these pages last month we picked out Gerets as one of the men whose contribution could prove vital in the finals, and so he proved. He's the sort of player who would be among the first choices in a team to save your life — tenacious, fast, and never a moments concern about the possibility of defeat.

Gerets knows that he is the sort of player who might prove hugely popular in the English league, though whether anyone has the money to rival his pay packet with Standard right now is open to doubt.

Certainly he gave as good as he got in skirmishes with those rugged old customers Americo Gallego and Alberto Tarantini and still had the pace to cope with Daniel Bertoni.

A few weeks earlier Gerets had come off this same Nou camp deep in depression after Standard's defeat in the Cup-Winners' Cup final by Barcelona. Now he had taken revenge over Barcelona's newest star. No wonder he was a happy man afterwards.

But in the wake of Belgian victory and Argentine defeat one

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The Argentina flag being marched on to the field by Spanish schoolgirls during the opening ceremony.

England's mascot Ken Bailey meets his opposite number from Peru.

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THE achievements of England and Northern Ireland in reaching the second phase of the World Cup finals in Spain cannot be overestimated.

On England's side, up in Bilbao, progress was obtained despite the first-round injury absences of Kevin Keegan, Trevor Brooking and – for one game – Seiko fastest goal favourite Bryan Robson.

As for Northern Ireland, they marked up perhaps the proudest moment in their football history when they beat Spain 1-0 in Valencia despite the expulsion of Mal Donaghy with half an hour remaining.

The fact that, of the other Europeans, West Germany, Austria, Russia, Italy, France, Poland and Belgium also qualified was a matter for record rather than celebration. All seven teams suffered moments of desperation.

Scotland returned home early, victims of their traditional World Cup bad luck in the decisive match with the Russians when they were the better side for long spells.

After the finals have been completed will be the time for a cool look at the wider implications – but already questions have been asked about the "Manana" organisation and the disastrous formula for appointing match referees.

Minnows impress with enthusiasm and cause shocks

THE feature which made the 1982 World Cup so controversial has turned out to be the very making of football's premier tournament.

When FIFA President Joao Havelange, four years ago, obtained victory in the vote to expand the finals to 24 teams, the critics' chorus was deafening.

Havelange may have had his own reasons for the move but no one can now doubt that some of the stuffy, staid football practised in Europe and South America has been shown up badly by the spirit and inventiveness of the third world.

The promotions executive who dubbed this the "Third World" cup wasn't far off the mark.

Surprise

Cameroon, Algeria and Kuwait were far from the minnows they had appeared. Algeria sprang the major surprise, of course, with the defeat of West Germany, which was the biggest World Cup upset since Italy's defeat at the hands of North Korea in England in 1966.

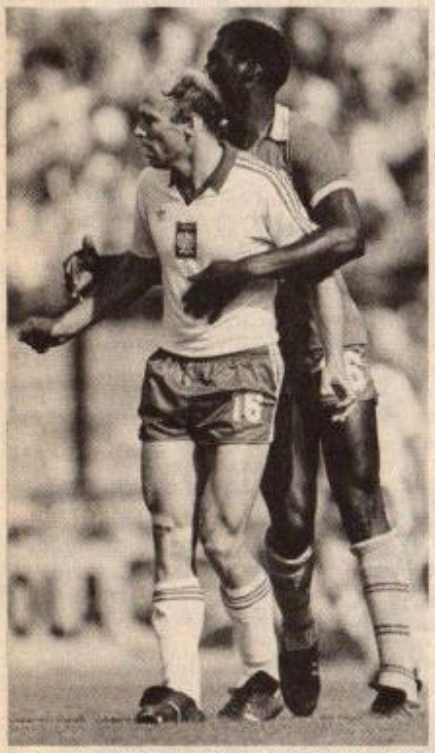
But Cameroon could — and should — have beaten both Peru and Poland and their bubbling enthusiasm was the one saving grace of a Vigo-Coruna group otherwise locked in sterility with the frozen Italians, the disappointing Peruvians and the initially boring Poles.

It was still in the north of Spain that football looked for more surprises. The Algerians maintained the World Cup tradition that the minnows create problems for West Germany — like Morocco in 1970 — by winning in Gijon. While Cameroon had some outstanding individuals in goalkeeper Thomas Nkono and striker Roger Milla, the Algerians were a more organised team unit.

Skipper Ali Fergani proved a sensible general and Djamel Zidane a lively raider. That was more than enough to make up for a slight disappointment over the form of star forward Lahkdar Belloumi.

If the Algerians had a problem it was in terms of concentration and fitness.

While they managed to hold out against the European Champions they fell away alarmingly in the second half of both the succeeding games against Austria and Chile. After racing to a 3-0 interval lead against the Chileans they lost their grip alarmingly.



Poland's Gregor Lato is held by Ibrehim Aoudou of the Cameroons.

Penalty

Kuwait turned out to be a more complicated kettle of fish. Against the Czechoslovaks in their first match they were unlucky to concede a controversial penalty and deserved a draw which they owed to the drive from Al-Buloushi, which soared between goalkeeper Zdenek Hruska's upstretched arms.

Their skill and accuracy reflected well on the coaching work of manager Carlos Alberto Parreira and his squad of Brazilian back-up men.

Such a tragedy therefore that they should have lost their heads so completely in the next game against France. There was no excuse. So many whistles were coming from the crowds throughout all the games that to blame this, as the Kuwaitis did, for that goal, was ludicrous. Even more stupid was the clear attempt by Prince Fahd, President of the Kuwait Fajn, to call his team from the pitch.

He may be able to do and say what he likes in his own country but the World Cup is a different ball game. The worst World Cup disruption since Argentina's protest over the expulsion of Antonio Rattin at Wembley 16 years ago ended predictably with FIFA taking a stern line.

The £8,000 fine for the Kuwaitis may not sound much, but in FIFA terms that is a big fine, with the promise of further action in the pipeline over Prince Fahd's remarks after the game in which he compared FIFA unfavourably with the Mafia.

England's Peter Shilton.

The other individual who deserved to be jumped on hard was Soviet referee Miroslav Stupar. He first awarded the goal then gave way because of the weight of protests. Certainly FIFA and organising officials should have provided him much more protection from the unpleasant prince but he was badly in the wrong to give way — and the French players and manager Michel Hidalgo made the fact very plain by their own attitude.

Most stupidly it wasn't as if the game had been poised at a delicate stage. France were winning 3-1 and well on the way to victory and Kuwait had no hope of qualifying . . . and had admitted as much beforehand.

That was the most sour note of a generally good-tempered first round. The expulsions of Czechoslovakia's Ladislav Vizek and Honduras' Gilberto Yearwood in their closing games were hardly for vicious offences — more the product of disillusionment as World Cup elimination stared them in the face.

Gilberto had been the best of a disappointing Honduras team. They did well, on the face of it, holding Spain and Northern Ireland and losing to Yugoslavia only be-

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cause of a late penalty. But in general their overall standard was poor and they achieved their "success" by dragging their opponents down to their level rather than being inspired by the occasion to lift their game.

Central American neighbours El Salvador pulled themselves back together bravely after the initial 10-1 thrashing at the hands of Hungary. But the biggest disappointment from that side of the world was the weak form of Chile and Peru.

The Chileans repeated their 1974 performance: lots of brave words but nothing substantial once they got down to action. They argued that if Carlos Caszely had not missed his penalty in the first game against Austria, the tournament would have turned out differently for them.

But after seeing their first-half display against Algeria it's hard to believe.

As for the Peruvians, the sparkle and enjoyment which was a hallmark of their previous World Cup campaigns, was noticeably lacking and they didn't play anything like as well as we all know they can. Julio Cesar Uribe was a major disappointment and while he claimed that not even Zico or Diego Maradona had to put up with such regimented close marking, the fact is that they both escaped their pursuers long enough to make a major impact on the World Cup — Uribe didn't.

Scotland's Steve Archibald scores number five against New Zealand.

It was thus left to the old campaigners, Argentina and Brazil, the World Cup holders and the favourites, to uphold the honour of South America. Brazil, in the first round, looked a class above everybody else and contributed generously to the most spectacular goals of the tournament, every one apparently better than the last.

Socrates and Eder turned the first game against the Soviets around with ferocious shooting, but Zico conjured-up a marvellous overhead effort to begin the easy-paced rout of New Zealand.

With the samba bands beating out the rhythm Brazil looked capable of coping with any opposition — even that of an Argentina who picked themselves up coolly and skilfully after losing to Belgium in the opening match of the finals.

A pity these giants should have fallen into the same second-round group.

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Disappointment for Italy whose skill fails to produce goals

Vigo — June 14
Italy 0
Poland 0
Att: 35,000 **Ref:** Vautrot (France)
Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Scirea, Collovati, Cabrini, Marini, Tardelli, Antognoni, Conti, Rossi, Graziani.
Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Zmuda, Janas, Jalocha, Lato, Matysik, Boniek, Buncho, Iwan (Kusto 71), Smolarek.

THE possibility of a strike by electricity and water workers meant that until the last minute this game was in doubt, though official sources kept the fact quiet. In the event the match which eventually took place was a disappointment.

If fizzled and never caught light, with the Italians the better side but unable to turn their superior skill and organisation into goals.

No doubt aware of the passion and controversy stirred up by the meeting of these two teams back in West Germany in 1974, referee Michel Vautrot soon made it obvious that he would stand no nonsense. He thus booked Marini for dissent after only two minutes and from that point the game proceeded reasonably peacefully.

Perhaps too peacefully, with few goal chances. Zbigniew Boniek, trailed by his new Juventus team mate Marco Tardelli, was just wide in the 20th minute, but apart from that the Poles did little to threaten Dino Zoff.

Graziani wasted one chance in the 25th minute and Rossi — such a skilful and welcome return to World Cup action — was narrowly wide with a glancing header just before half-time.

After the interval the Poles stepped up the pace, but Scirea, Gentile and Cabrini met the challenge without serious discomfort and before the end it was the Italians who came closest to victory. With ten minutes remaining Jalocha cleared off the line from Graziani, and Tardelli smacked the rebound against the bar.

Italy manager Enzo Bearzot said he thought his team played well considering the criticism levelled at them in the last few months. Poland's Antoni Piechniczek awarded deserved praise to Tardelli and Antognoni for their contrasting displays of strength and skill.

La Coruna — June 15
Cameroon 0
Peru 0
Att: 18,000. **Ref:** Wöhrer (Aus).
Cameroon: Nkono — Kaham, Kunde, Onana, Ndjeya — Mbom, Abega, Mbida — Aoudou, Nguea (Bahoken 72), Milla (Tokoto 89).
Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Leguia (La Rosa 56), Cueto, Velasquez — Oblitas, Uribe, Cubillas (Barbadillo 56).

UNLUCKY Cameroon. Making their debut in the World Cup finals they had the better of the game against a surprised Peru and might even have won. The South Americans appeared to think they were in for a walkover victory. When they discovered the truth, they were unable to raise their game.

Cameroon were perhaps unlucky not to go ahead in the 34th minute when referee Franz Wöhrer disallowed a "goal" by the dangerous Roger Milla for offside. Earlier Milla had twice forced Ramon Quiroga to sharp saves.

At the other end the much-vaunted Thomas Nkono also proved worthy of a huge reputation. After a nervous start in which his positioning left a lot to chance, he settled down and in the second half did very well to hold on to a couple of cross shots from Peruvian substitute, Geronimo Barbadillo.

The Mexican-based winger who is shortly off to Avellino of Italy was Peru's most dangerous forward, having replaced the veteran Teofilo Cubillas. Only in the 16th minute had Cubillas salvaged a little of the magic of his football youth when he slipped brilliantly through the middle only to be foiled by a Nkono who had luck on his side.

Just before half-time Julio Cesar Uribe shot narrowly wide, but for much of the time the Peruvian midfield and defence had seen more of the game as they struggled to control the spirited Africans.

Peruvian frustration was reflected in an awful late tackle on Milla by Velasquez which left the Bastia forward to be carried from the pitch. He hobbled back later, but could contribute little more to the game. But then, Cameroon had done enough by then to justify their presence in the finals.

Vigo — June 18
Italy 1 (Conti 18)
Peru 1 (Diaz 83)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG)
Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Scirea, Collovatil, Cabrini — Tardelli, Antognoni, Marini — Rossi (Causio 46), Graziani, Conti.
Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas — Barbadillo (Leguia 64), Uribe (La Rosa 64), Oblitas.

AS someone said, the organisers in the north-west appeared to have drawn the short straw. Two goals from three games was hardly an inspiring record at the half-way stage in the first round in Vigo and La Coruna.

Nor was this a particularly good game either. With bookings for Tardelli and Duarte and a string of verbal warnings, referee Walter Eschweiler was far from his best. That was clearly borne out by his decision to refuse Juan Carlos Oblitas a penalty after a trip by Claudio Gentile.

Eschweiler did have some excuse, for he had been winded by an early attempted clearance from Velasquez. But Italy had no excuse for the way pettiness and lack of discipline cost them first their cool, and then victory.

With seven minutes remaining Diaz — with the aid of a deflection by Gentile — equalised from a Teofilo Cubillas free kick. The Italians had gone ahead after only 18 minutes. Barbadillo allowed Antonio Cabrini to go charging down the left and work a quick one-two with Antognoni to put Bruno Conti in for the goal.

The Peruvians disappointed in their reply. The much-praised Julip Uribe looked slow and short on ideas; wingers Barbadillo and Oblitas continually confused their own midfield by cutting inside, even in midfield.

Despite the fact that this was the second time Peru had dropped a point, manager Tim still believed they could reach the second round. Italy manager Enzo Bearzot said merely that his men had yet to perform as a team.

La Coruna — June 19
Cameroon 0
Poland 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Ponnet (Bel)
Cameroon: Nkono — Kaham, Kunde, Onana, Ndjeya — Mbom, Abega, Mbida, Aoudou, Nguea (Tokoto 46) — Milla.
Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Janas, Zmuda, Jalocha — Lato, Palasz (Kusto 66), Boniek, Buncol — Iwan (Szarmach 25), Smolarek.

A FORTUNATE escape for Poland. Their stereotyped, central European style was no

Poland's Wlodzimierz Smolarek has a shot blocked by Cameroon's Elie Onana.

Unlucky Cameroon entertain but miss out on second phase

match for the eager, spirited and skilful Cameroon team. Fortunately, when it came to shooting straight the Cameroons had little or no idea, so Antoni Piechniczeks men lived to struggle another day.

The Poles were upset early on by an injury to Andrzej Iwan. But they still managed to provide a couple of threats to the Cameroon goal. First Zbigniew Boniek was just wide with a free kick, then only the bar and a sharp save from the excellent Nkono prevented a goal for Grzegorz Lato.

But at the other end Cameroon had been putting Josef Mlynarczyk under plenty of pressure. The goalkeeper could only block one drive from Kunde, who was then too high with a 35-yard free kick.

In the second half the Cameroons — surviving one more scare as a shot from Boniek was cleared off the line behind Nkono — soon underlined their right to the two points . . . even if, ultimately, they didn't get them.

Kaham had a fine shot tipped over by Mlynarczyk, who turned a drive from Abega round the post. Majewski cleared from beneath the bar and Abega wasted a chance when sent clear by the impressive Roger Milla.

Milla, the Bastia forward, was booked by Belgian referee Alexis Ponnet for throwing the ball in the face of a Polish defender after a foul, but otherwise the Cameroon players kept their cool well considering the frustrations of squandering so many chances.

La Coruna — June 22
Peru 1 (La Rosa 82)
Poland 5 (Smolarek 55, Lato 58, Boniek 61, Buncol 67, Ciolek 76)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 26,000. **Ref:** Vazquez (Mex).
Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Leguia, Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas (Uribe 49) — La Rosa, Oblitas (Barbadillo 49).
Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Zmuda, Janas, Jalocha (Dziuba 26) — Matysik, Kupcswicz, Buncol, Lato — Boniek, Smolarek (Ciolek 73).

AFTER a most disappointingly dull series of matches, the group exploded to life with an entertaining match which ensured Poland a place in the second round, and condemned Peru to become the first team to take the flight home.

Yet it was the Peruvians who began the more confidently. Mlynarczyk was forced to two fine saves inside the first 10 minutes before the Poles began to put their own attacking game together. Smolarek missed with only Ramon Quiroga to beat and then, after Kupcewicz had shot wide, the Peru goalkeeper tipped a Jalocha effort over the top.

Poland got the ball in the net in the 16th minute when Buncol slipped through and Boniek chipped past Quiroga. But Smolarek had been caught offside. Still the Poles kept coming forward, however, Boniek hit the bar from close range and Buncol hit the post — all before the interval — while Peru's increasing desperation was reflected in a booking for Velasquez.

The first half had been entertaining enough — but the second half saw all the fireworks set alight. Smolarek scored after Velasquez misplaced a pass in midfield, Boniek created a second for Lato and then scored himself after good work by Buncol. A brilliant move between all three players ended with Buncol grabbing a fourth and then substitute Ciolek rammed in the fifth after Lato hauled a cross back from the right.

With eight minutes remaining La Rosa grabbed a consolation for a Peru side whose heads never went down despite the hammering they took, and who — to their credit — kept going forward.

Vigo — June 23
Cameroon 1 (Mbida 61)
Italy 1 (Graziani 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3?,021. **Ref:** Dochev (Bul).
Cameroon: Nkono — Kaham, Kunde, Onana, Ndjeya — Mbom, Tokoto, Abega, Mbida, Aoudou — Milla.
Italy: Zoff — Gentile, Scirea, Collovati, Cabrini — Oriali, Tardelli, Antognoni — Conti, Graziani, Rossi.

ITALY were always going to have trouble with the unpredictable Cameroon side. The Azzurri are happy when their opponents play in a predictable European style. But the unusual problems posed by the Africans — and that also was a warning of second round trouble against the South Americans — found them at a loss.

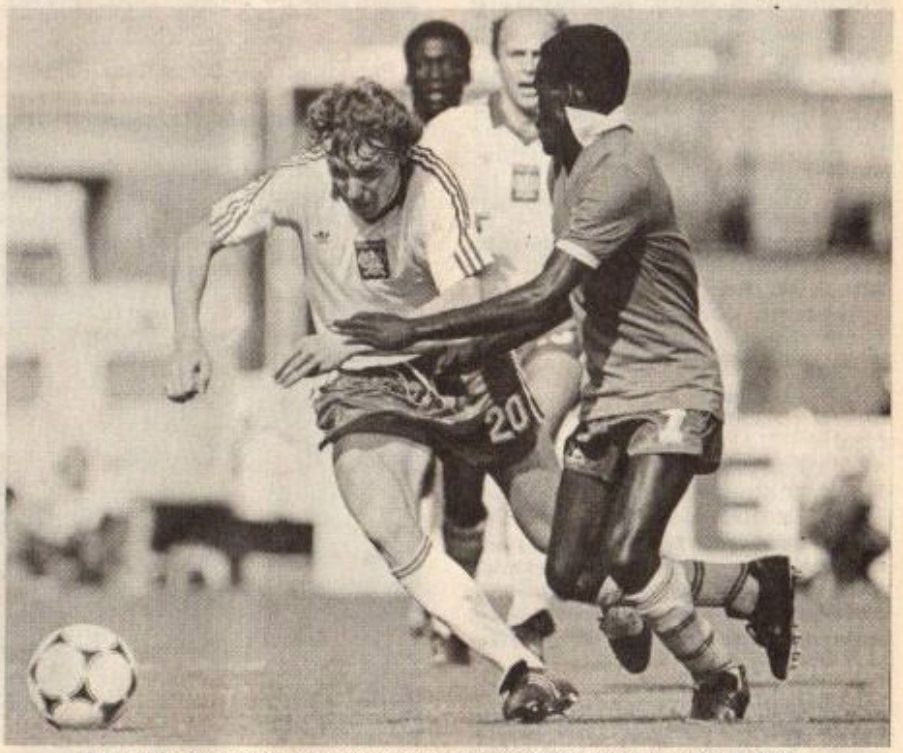
For one thing the Italians do not like having to take the attacking initiative, particularly in these circumstances when there was no Roberto Bettega up front to guide the way. Francesco Graziani worked as hard as ever and Paolo Rossi continued to shake off the rust. But when it came to putting the ball in the net, they were — simply — hopeless.

The crowning miss was the work of Conti. Graziani clipped a free-kick over the Cameroon defence in the 11th minute and Conti, with all the time in the world and Nkono sprawled helplessly at his feet, somehow managed — with all the goal to aim at — to fire wide.

On the half hour Collovati had a header pushed against the bar by Nkono, and Rossi headed the rebound high over the top. Clearly it wasn't Italy's day and after Antognoni was booked for dissent and Cabrini belted a free kick wide, Cameroon launched their first raid of the game for Kunde to bring a diving save from Dino Zoff.

Marco Tardelli was Italy's best player, but even when he entered the firing line in the 53rd minute, Nkono was equal to the task. Indeed it was only when the goalkeeper slipped that Italy scored finally, Graziani's header from Rossi's cross looping inside the far post.

Was this the breakthrough? No. The Italians committed the fatal mistake of relaxing and immediately a Cameroon forward rush produced the equaliser for Mbida. Italy were through but it was Cameroon who collected the cheers as they saluted the crowd from the centre of the pitch. They had been eliminated — but they remained undefeated.



Poland's Zbigniew Boniek rushes past Cameroon's Ephrem Mbom.

Shock for Germans as Algeria produce staggering display

Gijon — June 16
West Germany 1 (Rummenigge 67)
Algeria 2 (Madjer 52, Belloumi 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,500. **Ref:** Labo (Peru)

W. Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz, Kh. Förster, Stielike, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner, Magath (Fischer 82) — Littbarski, Hrubesch, Rummenigge.

Algeria: Cerbah — Merzekane, Kourichi, Guendouz, Mansouri — Dahleb, Fergani, Belloumi — Madher (Bensaoula 63), Zidane (Larbes 88), Assad.

THE most staggering result since Italy lost to North Korea in 1966. West Germany, European champions, have had trouble with outsiders before in the World Cup; they had even lost their own previous international against the Algerians.

"I just don't understand," said manager Jupp Derwall after a game his men had dominated from start to finish, yet wound up losing only the fourth match in Derwall's four-year reign. Their domination was underlined by the corner count of 16-4. But clearly the heat was more to the liking of the Algerian defenders than the German forwards.

Hansi Muller was absent from midfield because of his recurring knee trouble and the German fragility in midfield was exposed when Derwall pushed Uli Stielike forward from sweeper towards the end. Hans-Peter Briegel saw a last-minute effort saved brilliantly by Cerbah and that was that.

The Algerians had slipped into the lead in the 52nd minute. Assad sent Belloumi through and although the African Footballer of the Year saw his first shot blocked by Schumacher, Madher snapped home the rebound. Little had been seen of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Europe's No. 1 player. But he popped up eventually with the equaliser from a pass by Felix Magath.

West Germany should now have been halfway home. Instead the pressure of the humidity and the fatigue brought about by the problems created in what should have been an "easy" match, meant that lax play put the outsiders back in command.

Again Assad was the creator, the man who saw the opening, and while the German defenders thought they could snatch a breather, he prepared the way for Belloumi to strike the winner.

The only consolation which could be offered to Rummenigge and Co was the knowledge that whenever the Germans have won the World Cup, they have also been beaten in the first round. In 1954 they went down early on to Hungary; in 1974 to East Germany.

Oviedo — June 17
Austria 1 (Schachner 21)
Chile 0
HT 1-0. **Att:** 19,000. **Ref:** Cardeñlino (Uru)

Austria: Koncilia — Krauss, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degeorgi (Baumeister 77) — Prohaska, Hattenberger, Weber (Jurtin 77), Hagmayr — Schachner, Krankl.

Chile: Osben — Garido, Figueroa, Valencuela, Bigorra — Neira (MRojas 62), Dubo, Bonvallet, Moscoso (Gamboa 66) — Caszely, Yanez.

AUSTRIA were commandingly led from midfield by Herbert Prohaska, who put his personal uncertainties at club level behind him, and looked one of the Finals top generals. His ability sweetened the crowd many of whom had been annoyed by the Austrians chopping and changing of training sessions.

It took just 21 minutes for Walter Schachner — a scorer in Austria's first match in Argentina four years ago — to make the vital breakthrough. Against Spain in 1978 it was a powerful angled drive; this time it was a header to a centre from Bernd Krauss which left Mario Osben well beaten.

Krauss was in the thick of the action. Four minutes later he tripped Carlos Caszely inside the Austrian penalty area but the Colo Colo star fired his spot kick wide of both Koncilia and the goal.

Team spirit

Whatever managerial difficulties the Austrians encountered at the turn of the year, they had clearly maintained team spirit. In midfield they rarely wasted a pass and Schachner and Hans Krankl up front kept the Chileans busy with their adept positional play.

Chile contributed to their own downfall not just by wasting the penalty awarded by the Uruguayan referee whom the Austrians had protested against before the game; they also failed to put a man on Prohaska. Perhaps manager Luis Santibabenanez thought he would take a leaf out of Belgium's book and "ignore" the opposing star, as the Belgians pulled off Maradona.

If so, they paid the price for their tactical blunder. Yet it was the Chileans who "won" on corners — by nine to seven.

Gijon — June 20
West Germany 4 (Rummenigge 9, 57, 66, Reinders 81)
Chile 1 (Moscoso 89)
HT: 1-0. **Ref:** Galler (Swz). **Att:** 42,000.

W. Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz, Stielike, Kh. Förster, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner (Matthaeus 47), Magath — Littbarski (Reinders 79), Hrubesch, Rummenigge.

Chile: Osben — Garrido, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Dubo, Bonvallet, Soto (Letelier 46) — Yanez, Gamboa (Neira 66), Moscoso.

THE European champions, in the same formation but a different frame of mind from their defeat by Algeria, made sure they did not make the same mistake twice.

Spearheaded by an inspired Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the opening German attack was rewarded when the European Footballer of the Year scored the first of his hat-trick with a shot which goalkeeper Mario Osben allowed to slip beneath his body as he dived.

Chile came back into the game a little as the Germans sat on their lead. Most of the danger came from Patricio Yañez operating on the left. But that was in the first half. The second half was one way traffic.

Even without the ineffective Paul Breitner, substituted straight after half time be-

Paul Breitner of West Germany.

cause of a muscle injury, the Germans played with cohesion and purpose and Wolfgang Dremmler, in Breitner's shadow at Bayern Munich, accomplished some tremendous work in midfield.

A run down the right by Pierre Littbarski and a cross was headed in off the post by Rummenigge, whose hat-trick soon followed after a slick combination with Felix Magath.

But the best goal was the Germans' last, a move the length of the pitch masterminded by Horst Hrubesch and involving Rummenigge before being completed by the clinical finishing of substitute Uwe Reinders.

The Germans had been generally dominant throughout. But they were nevertheless handed a sharp reminder of their vulnerability to a quick break when Gustavo Moscoso played a ball through Kaltz's legs and then cracked it past Harald Schumacher for a Chilean consolation in injury time.

Oviedo — June 21
Austria 2 (Schachner 56, Krankl 67)
Algeria 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** Boskovic (Australia).

Austria: Koncilia — Krauss, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degeorgi — Hattenberger, Prohaska (Weber 80), Hintermaier, Baumeister (Welzl 46) — Schachner, Krankl.

Algeria: Cerbah — Merzekane, Mansouri, Kourichi, Guendouz — Fergani, Dahleb (Tlemcani 76), Belloumi (Bensaoula 65) — Assad, Zidane, Madjer.

AFTER a start delayed while the Algerians completed their prayers, Austria produced a first half display which did them little credit. They looked sluggish and tired and lacked any sort of attacking spark.

Indeed the greater skill came from Algeria — though once the Austrians had picked themselves up in the second half and opened the scoring, the Algerians' balloon was punctured.

In only the seventh minute Algeria nearly went ahead. They were moving the ball around well, and Koncilia made a good save from Fergani. Later Majder went clear, hesitated, and saw the goalkeeper tip his shot wide for a corner. In reply Austria should have had a penalty for a trip on Krankl, and then the Rapid Vienna spearhead forced Cerbah to a diving save.

At half-time Austria manager Georg Schmidt decided to change tactics, taking defensive midfielder Baumeister out of the game, and bringing on Valencia striker Kurt Welzl to run at the Algerian defence from deep positions.

The switch quickly paid dividends. A Welzl shot rebounded crazily off two defenders for Walter Schachner to put Austria ahead. Then another Welzl raid created the opportunity for Krankl to hammer a left foot drive beyond Cerbah into the far corner.

Guendouz cleared off the goal line from Schachner and Krankl went clear but shot at Cerbah as the Austrians underlined their greater class and experience.

The Algerian attack had virtually disappeared. Zidane headed just wide from a corner and Assad missed an open goal. But the Austrians were well in control as they made sure of a place in the second round.

Both managers, Schmidt and the Algerian Khalef, blamed the humidity and reaction from testing opening games for the inconsistent standard of football.

Austria settle for defeat but a safe passage to go on . . .

Oviedo — June 24
Chile 2 (Neira 61 pen, Letelier 73)
Algeria 3 (Assad 7, Figueroa own goal 31, Bensaoula 35)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 18,500. **Ref:** Mendez (Guat).

Chile: Osben — Galindo, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Bonvaltet (Soto 37), Dubo, Neira — Yanez, Caszely (Letelier 58), Moscoso.

Algeria: Cerbah — Merzekane, Guendouz, Kourichi, Larbes — Fergani, Mansouri (Dahleb 73), Bensaoula, Bourebbou (Mahi 31) — Assad, Madjer.

DESPITE the absence of Lakhdar Belloumi, Algeria played the first half like a team possessed and threw the group wide open once more. Yet it was the Algerians efforts to chase every pass and each lost cause, which cost them dear.

In the second half their stamina gave out and the Chileans forced a way back. Chile were lucky to have been only three goals down at half-time so disorganised and disjointed were they. But after the interval they woke up at last.

For the first time Moscoso began to turn on the skill and pace hidden in previous matches and with just over quarter-of-an-hour remaining Chile were back in with a chance of their first point of the finals. It was then that Algeria gritted their teeth and dedicated themselves to holding on.

They might even have increased their lead, but in the dying minutes their most dangerous raider, Salah Assad, saw a shot rebound off a post.

Assad had put Algeria ahead in the seventh minute after a Madjer Bensaoula move, and it was an Assad shot which Elias Figueroa Deflected into his own net past Mario Osben for Algeria's second four minutes later, in the 35th, Algeria were 3-0 up, Bensaoula was the scorer with a powerful drive from just outside the penalty area.

Chile had missed a penalty in their first match against West Germany so it was ironic that it was a spot-kick which brought them back into this game: Gendouz pulled down Yanez and Neira shot in off a post. Letelier snapped up a second for Chile after going round three defenders and the goalkeeper, but that was as near as Chile came.

Gijon — June 25
W. Germany 1 (Hrubesch 10)
Austria 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000. **Ref:** Valentine (Scotland).

W. Germany: Schumacher — Kaltz, Stielike, K. M. Forster, Briegel — Dremmler, Breitner, Magath — Littbarski, Hrubesch (Fischer 68), Rummenige (Matthaus 65).

Austria: Koncilia — Krauss, Obermayer, Pezzey, Degorgi — Hattenberger, Hintermaier, Prohaska, Weber — Krankl, Schachner.

AN awful game yet one which had promised so much. The permutations were endless. The Germans had to win to qualify but if they did so by four goals or more they would eliminate Austria and let in the Algerians.

The disgrace was that once the Germans went 1-0 ahead both sides stopped playing. They didn't even make the pretence of trying. West Germany went all out until the goal came and then stopped.

In the first minute Paul Breitner headed on to the roof of the Austrian net and then Koncilia dived to his left to catch a header back from Bruno Pezzey, his own central defender.

Hrubesch headed the European Champions in front from close range after Littbarski went around the Austrian defence on the left. But there were no more goalmouth incidents after that.

Breitner had a shot deflected over the bar for the West Germans while Hintermaier put a rare Austrian shot way over the bar at the other end. Hintermaier and later Schachner were booked. But that was the sum total of the notable action of the rest of the game.

Karl Heinz Rummenigge

Defending Champions Argentina lose their opening match

Barcelona — June 13
Argentina 0
Belgium 1 (Vandenberg 62)
HT: 0-0 **Att:** 95,000 **Ref:** Christov (CZ).
Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Bertoni, Diaz (Valdano 63), Kempes.
Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, L-Millecamps, De Schrijver, Baecke, Vandersmissen, Coeck, Ceulemans, Vercautere, Czerniarynski, Vandenbergh.

ARGENTINA became only the second defending champions to lose the first game of their defence — after Italy in Brazil in 1950. And, as manager Cesar Menotti admitted afterwards they certainly didn't deserve to win.

Menotti thought a goalless draw would have been fair — but this was being less than generous, considering the number of chances Belgium created. With Diego Maradona looking a £4million player for only the early stages, and Ramon Dikaz very quiet, Belgium were encouraged to come out of the defensive shell they had prepared.

In the fourth minute Diaz saw Jean Marie Pfaff save brilliantly from a snap shot. But after that the danger was mostly to Ubaldo Fillol at the other end.

Czerniatynski, Vandenbergh, Vandersmissen and Erwin Vandenbergh again all missed the sort of chances they might easily have taken under the less exciting pressures of a domestic league game. Vandenbergh's 40th minute miss (he was almost standing in the net) was incredible.

Belgium's smother tactics on Maradona soon began to wear him down. In the second half the Argentines ran out of ideas and began looking for free kicks, encouraged — it must be admitted — by the nervous Czech referee.

Vojtech Christov might be the first to admit that this wasn't the best game of his career. But the crucial decision was taken not by him but by Hungarian linesman Karoly Palotai.

In the 62nd minute Frankie Vercauteren — outstanding on the ball, though his use of it was frequently open to criticisms — looped in a centre which caught the Argentines in two minds. Galvan and co-ultimately opted for the offside trap — leaving Vandenbergh alone to wait an eternity for the bouncing ball to sit up for the shot and inevitable goal.

Outstanding for Belgium were Eric Gerets, Maurice de Schrijver, and Vercauteren. For Argentina only Maradona and Ardiles, early on, played anything near potential.

Elche — June 15
Hungary 10 (Nyilasi 3, 82, Poloskei 10, Fazecas 23, 55, Toth 51, Kiss 69, 73, 78, Szentes 71).
El Salvador 1 (Ramirez 65).
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 19,750. **Ref:** Al-Doy (Bahrain).
Hungary: Meszaros — Martos, Balint, Graba, Toth — Mulle (Szentes 69), Nyilasi, Sall — Fazekas, Torocsil (Kiss 56), Poloskei.
El Salvador: Mora — Castillo, Jovel, Recinos, Ventur (Fagioaga 75) — Rugamas (Ramirez 28), F. Hernandez, Huezo — Rivas, Rodriguez, Gonzalez.

BY marvellous irony, Joao Havelange, pied piper of football's little people, was in town for this pathetic exercise.

Hungary duly hammered hapless El Salvador to claim a World Cup goal-scoring record — but what a totally worthless record.

Led by the majestic Nyilasi, the Hungarians took a mere three minutes to expose El Salvador as a nation who simply shouln't be in these finals.

Nyilasi it was who, completely unchallenged, headed the first goal. Even by then it had become patently obvious that the Hungarians were free to score how and when they chose.

If El Salvador were inadequate in the first half, they were an absolute shambles in the second.

Hungarian substitute Kiss underlined the fact in the clearest possible way. He came on in the 56th minute and by the 78th had a hat-trick to his name.

The one El Salvador player who deserved better was striker Gonzalez. He was a constant source of embarrassment for the Hungarians.

Three times he was denied by goalkeeper Meszaros but was eventually rewarded when his left-wing skills led to a goal converted by Ramirez.

That was a smack to Hungary's pride and they replied with a bombardment, Nyilasi fittingly bringing up double figures with another simple header.

Lots of goals, plenty of delightful stuff from the Hungarians, but what did it prove? Very little, we suspect.

Alicante — June 18
Argentina 4 (Bertoni 27, Maradona 29, 57, Ardiles 61)
Hungary 1 (Poloskei 76)
HT: 2-0 **Att:** 30,000 **Ref:** Lacarne (Algeria)
Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Parassrella, Tarantini (Barbas 51) — Ardiles, Gallego, Kempes — Valdano (Calderon 25), Maradona, Bertoni.
Hungary: Meszaros — Martos (Fazekas), Balint, Toth, Varga — Garaba, Nyilasi, Sallai, Rab — Kiss (Szentes), Poloskei.

ENTER the real Argentina — and the real Maradona. After the humiliation of that opening defeat by Belgium and the gloom of the days that followed, it was almost like '78 all over again.

This time, though, a new hero, the chunky 21-year-old required here to confirm his status as the world's supreme footballer. He did precisely that with one of the most dazzling performances in the history of these championships.

Maradona tormented Hungary and ignited an Argentine victory which revived their ambitions of retaining the World Cup.

Hungary, 10-goal destroyers of El Salvador just three days earlier, were found wanting against genuine opposition.

In the 27th minute the Hungarians couldn't cope with an Argentine free-kick and Bertoni accepted the simple opportunity to put his side ahead.

Daniel Bertoni in action during the opening match against Belgium.

Maradona blows hot and cold but Belgium pip Czechoslovakia

Two minutes later Bertoni's shot was partially stopped and Maradona, inevitably, was quickest to react and bundled in the second. The contest was effectively over but the carnival wasn't. Maradona hammered another goal early in the second half and Ardiles made it four.

Hungary managed to salvage something from the game with a well-struck goal by Poloskei 14 minutes from the end. If anything, though, it was rather more than their play deserved. This night belonged to Argentina — and to Maradona in particular.

Elche — June 19
Belgium 1 (Coeck 18)
El Salvador 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Malcolm Moffatt (N. Ireland)

Belgium: Pfaff — Gerets, Millecamps, Meeuws, Baecke — Vandermissen (Van Der Elst 45), Coeckgn, Vercauteren — Ceulemans (Van Moer 80), Czernyatynski, Vandenbergh.

El Salvador: Mora — Osorto (Diaz 45), Jovel, Rodriguez, Recinos — Fagoaga, Ventura, Huezo — Zapata, Gonzalez, Rivas.

HOW things can change from one game to the next.

Belgium, conquerors of Argentina in the opening match of the championship, must have expected a simple romp against the nation thrashed 10-1 by Hungary.

Instead the Belgians had to toil for their one-goal win and might even have conceded a point.

El Salvador's priority was undoubtedly to avoid another hammering and they packed their penalty area with reinforcements from midfield.

Belgium were left with a none too easy task, therefore, but still made an untidy mess of it. Their play was as careless as it had been disciplined in Barcelona, even when Coeck scored with a shot misjudged by Mora.

They showed very little imagination and gradually El Salvador, their confidence restored, began to speculate. Gonzalez was by far their most menacing player and in the second half he had the occasional luxury of support from his colleagues.

He usually encountered one defender too many but at least he gave the crowd some entertainment for their pesetas.

Long before the end you sensed Belgium just wanted to get away with their two points in their pocket. They had lost all hope of a goal rush.

El Salvador, whatever their tactics, had a respectable scoreline and they left the stadium looking far more satisfied with their night's work.

Elche — June 22
Belgium 1 (Czerniatynski)
Hungary 1 (Varga)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 30,000

Belgium: Pfaff, Gerets (Plessers), Millecamps L., Meauws, Baecke, Coeck, Vercauteren, Vandersmissen (Van Moer), Czerniatynski, Van den Bergh, Ceulemans.

Hungary: Meszaros, Martos, Kerekes (Sallai), Garaba, Varga, Nyilasi, Muller, Fzekas, Torocsik, Kiss (Csongradi), Poloskei.

BELGIUM, victors over Argentina in the opening game, headed Group Three thanks to a goal from Czerniatynski in the second half.

Varga's first half score for Hungary, enjoying a huge goal difference advantage after their feast against El Salvador, opened up all sort of permutations.

A 1-0 win would have put Hungary through but Belgium, steady if unspectacular, finally managed the goal that was to prove enough.

Alicante — June 23
Argentina 2 (Passarella pen, Bertoni)
El Salvador 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 28,000

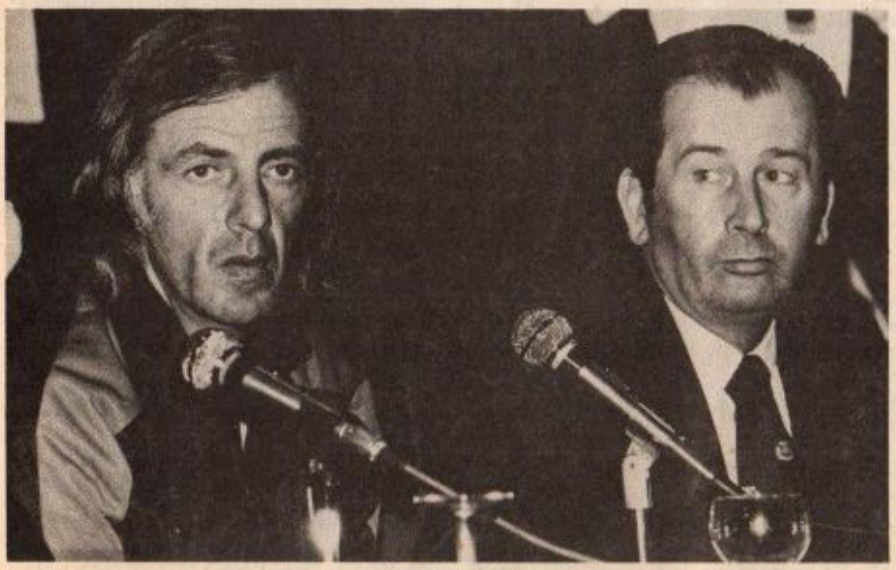
Argentina: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gailego, Kempes, Bertoni (Diaz), Maradona, Calderon (Santamaria).

El Salvador: Mora; Osorto (Arevalo), Jovel, Rodriguez, Ortiz, Fagoaga, Ventura (Alfaro), Huezo, Zapata, Gonzalez, Rivas.

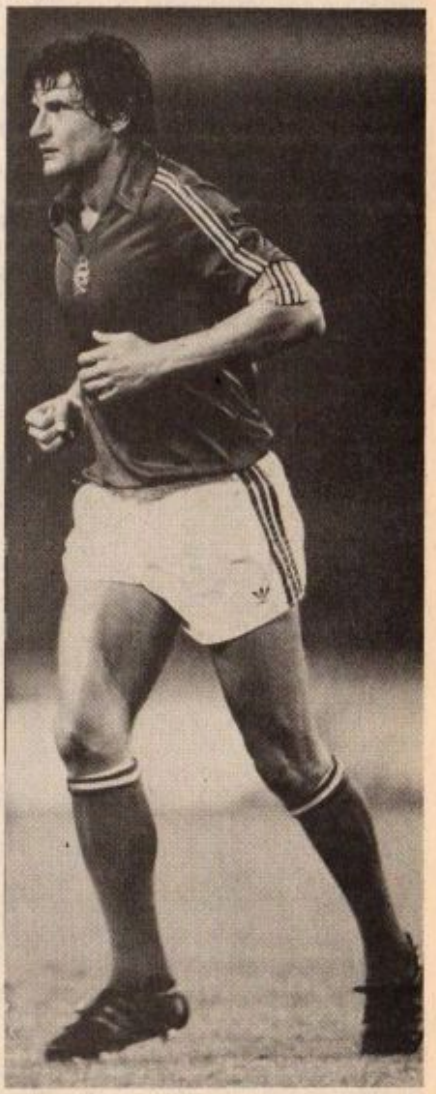
ARGENTINA'S confidence and boasts that they would top Hungary's 10 against the Central Americans came to nothing. Diego Maradona, who must have thought that he might re-write the record books, couldn't even get on the scoresheet.

El Salvador, living on their luck and with some rugged determination, held the defending champions at bay and only went behind when Passarella converted a dubious penalty.

But still the flood gates didn't open and although Bertoni managed a fine individual goal Argentina missed an opportunity to sharpen their shooting before meeting Brazil.



Cesar Menotti



Laszlo Balint of Hungary

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FIRST ROUND

Venue	Date	GROUP 1	Results
Vigo	14.6.82	Italy v Poland	0 0
Coruna	15.6.82	Peru v Cameroon	0 0
Vigo	18.6.82	Italy v Peru	1 1
Coruna	19.6.82	Poland v Cameroon	0 0
Coruna	22.6.82	Peru v Poland	1 5
Vigo	23.6.82	Italy v Cameroon	1 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Poland	3	1	2	0	5	1	4
2. Italy	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
3. Cameroon	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
4. Peru	3	0	2	1	0	0	2

Venue	Date	GROUP 2	Results
Gijon	16.6.82	Germany v Algeria	1 2
Oviedo	17.6.82	Chile v Austria	0 1
Gijon	20.6.82	Germany v Chile	4 1
Oviedo	21.6.82	Algeria v Austria	0 2
Oviedo	24.6.82	Algeria v Chile	3 2
Gijon	25.6.82	Germany v Austria	1 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. W. Germany	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
2. Austria	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
3. Algeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
4. Chile	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

Venue	Date	GROUP 3	Results
Barcelona	13.6.82	Argentina v Belgium	0 1
Elche	15.6.82	Hungary v El Salvador	10 1
Alicante	18.6.82	Argentina v Hungary	4 1
Elche	19.6.82	Belgium v El Salvador	1 0
Elche	22.6.82	Belgium v Hungary	1 1
Alicante	23.6.82	Argentina v El Salvador	2 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Belgium	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
2. Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
3. Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	6	3
4. El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

Venue	Date	GROUP 4	Results
Bilbao	16.6.82	England v France	3 1
Valladolid	17.6.82	Czech v Kuwait	1 1
Bilbao	20.6.82	England v Czech	2 0
Valladolid	21.6.82	France v Kuwait	4 1
Valladolid	24.6.82	France v Czech	1 1
Bilbao	25.6.82	England v Kuwait	1 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. England	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
2. France	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
3. Czechoslovakia	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
4. Kuwait	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Venue	Date	GROUP 5	Results
Valencia	16.6.82	Spain v Honduras	1 1
Zaragoza	17.6.82	Yugoslavia v N. Ireland	0 0
Valencia	20.6.82	Spain v Yugoslavia	2 1
Zaragoza	21.6.82	Honduras v N. Ireland	1 1
Zaragoza	24.6.82	Honduras v Yugoslavia	0 1
Valencia	25.6.82	Spain v N. Ireland	0 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. N. Ireland	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
2. Spain	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
3. Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
4. Honduras	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

Venue	Date	GROUP 6	Results
Sevilla	14.6.82	Brazil v USSR	2 1
Malaga	15.6.82	Scotland v New Zealand	5 2
Sevilla	18.6.82	Brazil v Scotland	4 1
Malaga	19.6.82	USSR v New Zealand	3 0
Malaga	22.6.82	USSR v Scotland	2 2
Sevilla	23.6.82	Brazil v New Zealand	4 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
2. USSR	3	1	1	1	6	4	3
3. Scotland	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
4. New Zealand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

SECOND ROUND

GROUP A — in Barcelona, Nou Camp

28.6.82 Poland v Belgium ___.___
1.7.82 v USSR ___.___
4.7.82 v USSR ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1._____							
2._____							
3._____							

(Winners play Group C winners in Barcelona)

GROUP B — in Madrid, Bernabeu

29.6.82 Germany v England ___.___
2.7.82 v Spain ___.___
5.7.82 v Spain ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1._____							
2._____							
3._____							

(Winners play Group D winners in Seville)

GROUP C — in Barcelona, Sarna (Espanol)

29.6.82 Italy v Argentina ___.___
2.7.82 v Brazil ___.___
5.7.82 v Brazil ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1._____							
2._____							
3._____							

(Winners play Group A winners in Barcelona)

GROUP D — in Madrid, Calderon

28.6.82 Austria v France ___.___
1.7.82 v N. Ireland ___.___
4.7.82 v N. Ireland ___.___

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1._____							
2._____							
3._____							

(Winners play Group B winners in Seville)

SEMI-FINALS

8.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Barcelona, Nou Camp)

8.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Seville, S. Prejuan)

THIRD PLACE MATCH

10.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Alicante)

FINAL

11.7.82 _____ v _____ ___.___
(In Madrid, Bernabeu)

Steve Coppell

Quickest goal for Robson as England punish the French

Bilbao — June 16
England 3 (Robson 27 sec, 66, Mariner 82)
France 1 (Soler 25)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 44,000. **Ref:** Garrido (Port)

England: Shilton — Mills, Thompson, Butcher, Sansom (Neal 90) — Coppell, Robson, Wilkins, Rix — Francis, Mariner.

France: Ettori — Battiston, Tresor, Lopez, Bossis — Larios (Tigana 73), Girard, Giresse — Rocheteau, Platini, Soler.

ENGLAND'S first World Cup finals appearance for 16 years could not have begun in more dramatic fashion with a goal from Bryan Robson after 27 seconds — the fastest in the history of the finals.

That the French forced their way back into the game and equalised as they did was a compliment to their spirit and organisation. It said nothing, however, about their long-term strength and commitment.

Robson's opening goal caught France asleep. Ray Wilkins took the throw-in and, when Mariner's centre flew across, Robson was racing in unmarked to smash the ball past Ettori.

The Monaco goalkeeper looked totally demoralised. His selection was a surprise and the gamble didn't pay off. His uncertainty and international inexperience caused the French defence some uneasy moments before the packed-house crowd.

It was little winger Gerard Soler who led the French recovery. His wing play was devastatingly effective and may have raised questions in the mind of Ron Greenwood about the wisdom of England's reborn "wingless wonders."

In the 25th minute Soler latched on to an angled through pass from Alain Giresse — the best French player on the field — and raced on to smack the equaliser past Peter Shilton. Yet it was immediately after the interval, when the French might have been expected to make their push for victory, that they fell apart.

Partly this was due to the strikingly unhappy display of midfield star Michel Platini. If he tries to play like that for Juventus next season he won't last six months in Italy. Being "the great star" is not enough; in the World Cup even the greatest players are on trial . . . and Platini was guilty of all manner of mistakes: technical, tactical and temperamental.

The outcome was that England, for whom Coppell (on both wings), Robson and Wilkins, all played key roles, regained the initiative. In the 63rd minute Robson headed his second goal of the game from a long flat cross from Trevor Francis, out on the right. The spirit was draining, almost visibly, from the French and despite the substitutions of Six and Tigana for Larios and Rocheteau, their chance had gone.

With eight minutes to go Francis set up England's third. His cross shot bounced off Tresor's legs and Paul Mariner shot into the empty net.

England manager Ron Greenwood was justifiably pleased. England hadn't shone but they had played their part in an absorbing game which was entertaining even if it lacked technical merit.

Remembering that injuries had kept both Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan — England's two key players — out of the game, the initial prospects looked bright as the weather.

Valladolid — June 17
Czechoslovakia 1 (Panenka 20 pen)
Kuwait 1 (Al-Dakhil 58)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 16,500. **Ref:** Dwomoh (Ghana).

Czechoslovakia: Hruska — Barmos, Jurkemik, Fiala, Kukucka — Panenka, Berger, Kriz (Bicovsky 63) — Janecka (Petrzelka 69), Nehoda, Vizek.

Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi — Mubarak, Mahoub, Mayouf, Waleed Jasem — Al-Buloushi, Al-Houti, Karam (Marzouq 57) — Al-Dakhil, Yacoub, Al-Anbari.

THE Kuwaitis underlined the threat posed to the establishment when they deservedly forced a draw with the Czechs.

In fact Kuwait deserved to win thanks to their fresh, skilful approach to the game. They would have done so if they had taken their chances. As it was they owed their first ever goal in the World Cup finals to a searing drive from Faisal Al-Dakhil which swirled in the wind as it roared over a surprised Hruska's hands.

In only the ninth minute the Czech goalkeeper had needed to be on his toes to foil an early raid by Al-Anbari. Soon it looked as if this was a storm in a teacup and at the other end Al-Tarabulsi was twice forced to sharp saves before Kuwait fell a goal behind. The Ghanaian referee, Kwabana Dwomoh surprisingly awarded a penalty for a theatrical collapse by Ladislav Vizek after a tackle by Mayouf. Panenka made his usual tidy job of converting the kick. But after that the Czechs hardly got a look-in.

The Kuwait midfield were well organised but a little short on confidence. At least, that was the case in the first half. However coach Carlos Alberto pointed out with some force to his men at half-time that if they ventured more, they could take over the game, and so it proved.

Al-Dakhil scored his fine goal from around 30 yards on the hour, and Marzouq (just wide) and Jasem Yacoub (fine save by Hruska) came close to the winner. Two minutes from time Kuwait might have lost, but Vizek's shot from close range was well stopped by Al-Tarabulsi.

"I'm happy with the result and with the way we played," said Carlos Alberto. "The only thing which disappointed me was the penalty. I know it's usual for managers to say they didn't agree, but I did not and I think most of the fans in the stadium and watching on television would have been surprised too."

Czech boss Josef Venglos was not happy at all. He said: "The result was disappointing but even more upsetting was the team's performance. We looked as if we had never played together before."

Bilbao — June 20
England 2
Czechoslovakia 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 27,000. **Ref:** Corver (Hol)

England: Shilton — Mills, Thompson, Butcher, Sansom — Wilkins, Robson (Hoddle 46), Rix — Coppell, Mariner, Francis.

Czechoslovakia: Seman (Stromsik 75) — Barmos, Vojacek, Radimec, Fiala — Berger, Chaloupka, Jurkemik — Vizek, Janecka (Masny 77), Nehoda.

ENGLAND, efficient and business-like, and never losing their concentration as they had against France, left no doubts about their superiority as they made sure of a place in the second round.

It wasn't until the second half that the goals went in but, as manager Ron Greenwood said, Bryan Robson might have had an early hat-trick and they could have been five up at half-time. That would hardly have been fair on the Czechoslovaks. But it must be

Trevor Francis scores England's first goal against France.

said that they played without heart, spirit or self-belief, and it was only a matter of time before the ball went into the net.

Ironically, it was a mistake by goalkeeper Stanislav Seman which then allowed Trevor Francis to stab in the first after a hard, flat cross from Ray Wilkins out on the right. That was after 63 minutes. It was then only three more minutes before another Czech blunder — this time Barmos deflected a Paul Mariner cross past his goalkeeper — assured England victory.

Mariner claimed the goal himself but it has to be said that the ball would have gone nowhere near the goal if Barmos hadn't tried to cut it out so unfortunately.

The Czechs mustered few chances. A 40-yard free kick from Ladislav Jurkemik flew just wide in the 29th minute and, in the 39th, Janecka put a header straight into Peter Shilton's hands. But they failed to create anything at all after the interval and shuffled from the pitch looking even more bleak than when they came out.

For England Wilkins and Robson (before a groin injury took its toll) did well in midfield and Coppell and Francis were lively attackers.

"Someone said we came in through the back door," said Greenwood later. "But now I think you have to admit we are at least halfway up the front steps."

Valladolid — June 21
France 4 (Genghini 31, Platini 43, Six 48, Bossis 96)
Kuwait 1 (Al-Buloushi 74)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Stupar (USSR).
The game was held up for nine minutes in the second half because of Kuwait protests over a French "goal".

France: Ettori — Amoros, Janvion (Lopez 60), Tresor, Bossis — Giresse, Platini (Girard 81), Genghini — Soler, Lacombe, Six.

Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi — Naem Mubarak, Mayouf, Mahoub, Al-Mubarak (Al-Shemmari 78) — Al-Buloushi, Al-Houti, Karam Ahmed (Fatih Kamel 46) — Al-Dakhil, Jasem Sultan, Al-Anbari.

A PREDICTABLE result but a scandal of a game which saw the Soviet referee making mistake after mistake — culminating in his about-turn after a fourth French goal, following mass protests not only by the Kuwait players but by the president of their football association.

France went ahead in the 31st minute with a goal from a free kick by Bernard Genghini which his predecessor at Saint-Etienne, Michel Platini, couldn't have bettered. France had been lucky to be awarded the kick in the first place but they deserved their lead and increased it two minutes from half-time.

Giresse slipped a ball through the middle of the Kuwait defence and Platini, allowed free passage by a couple of stand-offish defenders celebrated his 27th birthday by slotting his shot home. Platini then created the third, just after the interval, Didier Six took the pass brilliantly on his chest, and flipped it powerfully up past the goalkeeper on the run-in — one of the competition's outstanding goals.

Maxime Bossis also scored a fine individual goal in the 69th minute but for some inexplicable reason referee Stupar refused to allow it, and Kuwait hit back with a goal in

Late penalty gives Czechs hope of second round place

the 74th minute. Al-Houti clipped over a free kick which Al-Buloushi forced into the net.

Minutes later came the explosion. Giresse nipped through to score but the Kuwaitis claimed they had stopped, believing he was offside, because of a whistle from the crowd. Stupar pointed to the centre for the goal, then changed his mind after a nine-minute protest led by the president of the Kuwait FA, Prince Fahd Al-Yaber Al-Sabah.

It was only justice that Bossis should score a "real" fourth goal in the 96th minute.

Valladolid — June 24
France 1 (Six 66)
Czechoslovakia 1 (Panenka 85 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 29,000. **Ref:** Casarin (Italy).

France: Ettori — Amoros, Janvion, Tresor, Bossis — Giresse, Platini, Genghini — Soler (Girard 89), Lacombe (Courio 70), Six.

Czechoslovakia: Stromsik — Barmos, Vojacek, Radimec, Fiala — Nehoda, Bicovsky, Strambachr — Janecka (Panenka 70), Vizek, Kriz (Masny 30).

FRANCE squeaked into the second round after a game which featured 80 minutes of poor football climaxed by 10 minutes of high drama.

Michel Hidalgo's men knew that to lose would let in the Czechs for the second qualifying place alongside England.

Lacombe shot wide in the 10th minute, while at the other end Vizek and Janecka were both too high with optimistic efforts which didn't trouble Ettori. But the nervy French goalkeeper needed two attempts before hanging onto a Marian Masny corner under pressure from Vizek and Nehoda.

The French began the second half with a booking for Amorosa and after another corner, Stambachr's angled header flew across the bar and then Vojacek was off target again with Ettori all over the place.

Around the hour the French began to put their game together. Genghini saw a free kick fly narrowly wide and then Didier Six netted from close range after Lacombe had squeezed through on the left. That surely, was the end for the Czechs. But they continued pushing forward and were rewarded five minutes from time when Bossis was knocked over and substitute Panenka scored from the spot.

In the drama of the dying minutes Vizek was sent off for kicking down Platini, and then Amoros headed off the line from Nehoda.

Bilbao — June 25
England 1 (Francis 26)
Kuwait 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,500. **Ref:** Aristizabal (Col).

England: Shilton — Neal, Thompson, Foster, Mills — Coppel, Hoddle, Wilkins, Rix — Francis, Mariner.

Kuwait: Al-Tarabulsi — Naem Mubarak, Mahboud, Al-Mubarak (Al-Shemmari 6), Mayouf — Al-Houti, Al-Bouloushi, Al-Suwayed, Marzouq — Al Dakhil, Al-Anbari.

ENGLAND laid on their poorest display of the finals to say goodbye to Bilbao as they ensured their second round trip to Madrid and thus became only the second team (after Brazil) to win all their first round games.

But it was not a pretty sight, as manager Ron Greenwood admitted later. A display like that would mean a disaster against West Germany. Mariner and Francis found front running an unsatisfactory occupation on an evening when Kuwait applied the offside trap with boring regularity, Francis did break through early on for the decisive goal.

After slipping two men he ran through the defence to beat the goalkeeper with a cross shot which Al-Tarabulsi could only help on into the net.

Apart from that, chances were few and far between. England had plenty of shots blocked or deflected but rarely showed the cohesion to make a clean incision in the well-organised Kuwait defence.

Partly this may have been due to Greenwood's inclusion of Neal, Foster and Hoddle in the team and the absences not only of long-term injury victims Keegan and Brooking but of Bryan Robson as well.

But it must also be said that referee Aristizabel and his Linesmen seemed to be lacking in an understanding of the offside law, whereby a player's position is judged when the ball is played not when man and ball get together behind the defence. But for that England might have claimed a couple more goals.

Not that they would have been deserved.

England's Steve Coppell is chased by Ladislav Vizek of Czechoslovakia.

The big flop as Spain open with a lucky penalty

Valencia — June 16
Spain 1 (Ufarte pen 66)
Honduras 1 (Telaya 7)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 49,000. **Ref:** Arturo Iturralde (Argentina)

Spain: Arconada — Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo — Alonso, Joaquin (Sanchez 45), Zamora — Juanito (Saura 45), Satrustegui, Ufarte.

Honduras: Arzu — Gutierrez, Villegas, Bulnes, Costly — Maradiag, Zelaya, Gilberto — Betancourt, Norales (Caballero 69), Figueroa.

AFTER the big build-up — the big flop.

Spain, the expectant hosts, were in action at last for what seemed a comfortable first joust with Mundial '82.

But just 24 hours after Hungary's record demolition of El Salvador, Spain found Honduras a far more difficult proposition.

Honduras stunned the Spanish team and their crowd by taking a seventh-minute lead and deep into the match they looked capable of hanging on for a famous victory.

But Spain's repeated penalty appeals were eventually upheld and Ufarte neatly tucked it away to spare his country total despair.

Their frantic efforts to snatch a win were repelled and quite frankly another point would have been more than they deserved.

Honduras played with admirable order and purpose, defending intelligently and breaking dangerously. When Spain did find a way through it was only to discover Honduras had, in Arzu, a very sound goalkeeper.

Not that Arzu had to produce too many heroics. Spain just weren't that lethal in attack.

They had sufficient possession but too often froze in and around the Honduras penalty area, snatching at the final pass or shot.

A poor start for Spain, then, and a long way short of the form required to maintain the traditional World Cup success of the home country.

Zaragoza — June 17
Yugoslavia 0
Northern Ireland 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Fredriksson (Sweden)

Yugoslavia: Team not available.

Northern Ireland: Jennings— J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Donaghy — O'Neill, McGreery, McIroy — Armstrong, Hamilton, Whiteside.

NOT the prettiest of affairs this, but there were few complaints from the Northern Ireland camp.

After Honduras' performance against Spain it became dangerous to talk of outsiders in the group, but the Irish still didn't go into action as strong contenders for the second phase.

Yet they confronted the more gifted Yugoslavs with a combination of fierce tackling and tireless running, and in the end fully deserved their point.

In fact there was a lengthy period in the second half when they threated to chase the Yugoslavs into submission.

Northern Ireland's aggression was typified by Manchester United's Norman Whiteside, at just turned 17 Britain's youngest World Cup player.

There were times when he was a little too aggressive, though, and he was booked in the second half for a particularly raw challenge. Yugoslavia gave glimpses of their undoubted ability and occasionally stretched Jennings.

But with the tenacious McCreery operating just in front of the back four there was never an easy way through for the Yugoslavs. On the break Armstrong always suggested he might make a decisive strike and McIlroy produced a familiar, wholehearted display. Not that the Spaniards in the crowd were too impressed. This stalemate served to revive their hopes and midway through the second half they began to chant 'Espana, Espana.'

Valencia — June 20
Spain 2 (Juanito pen 14, Saura 66)
Yugoslavia 1 (Guldej 10)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** S. Lund (Denmark)

Spain: Arconada — Camacho, Tendillo, Alexanco, Gordillo — Sanchez (Saura 63), Alonso, Zamorgan — Juanito, Satrustegui (Quini 63), Ufarte.

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Krmpoti, Jovanic (Khlhodzic 74), Zajec, Stojkovic — Petrovic, Slijivo, Guldej — Surjak, Vujovic (Sestio 83), Susic.

SPAIN had an uneasy victory against the Yugoslavs, but a packed crowd at the Luis Casanova stadium were more than content.

The home nation looked to be on their way to the second phase, and that was all that really mattered to them.

In fact it took their second penalty of the championship to put them in business, and a controversial award it was, too.

Yugoslavia were disgruntled over several decisions by the referee and in the 13th minute protested that Zajec had fouled Alonso outside the area.

Referee Lund was unmoved and then further angered the Yugoslavs by ordering a re-take after Ufarte shot wide. This time he was certainly correct because goalkeeper Pantelic came off his line before the kick was taken.

Juanito stepped up for the second attempt and confidently struck Spain's equaliser.

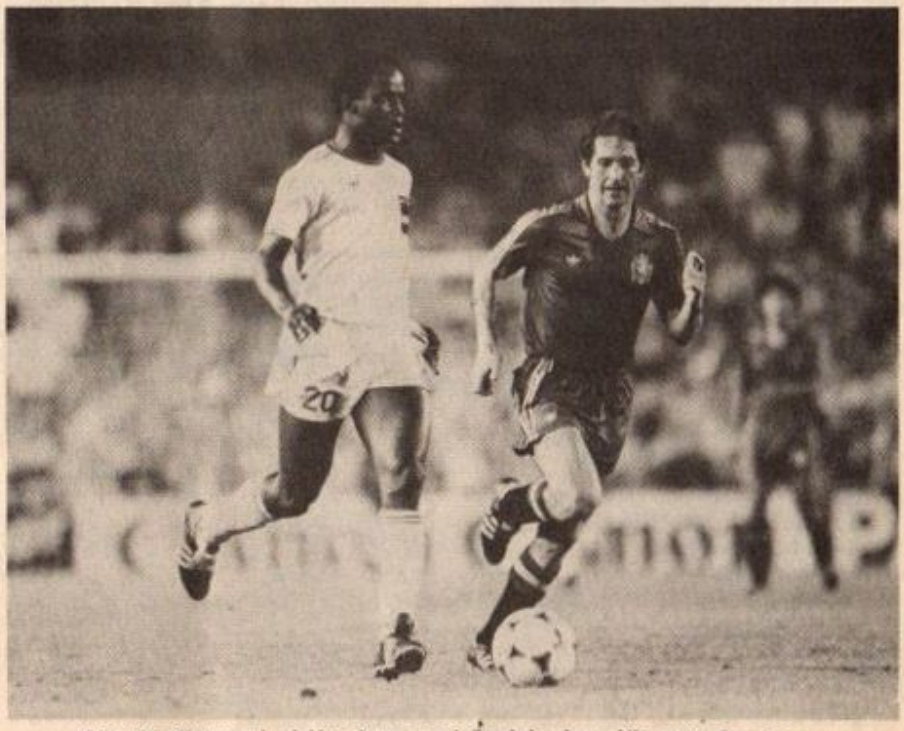
The Spaniards still couldn't piece together a convincing game, however. The front men rarely had support from midfield and too many players froze at critical moments.

With the elegant Surjak displaying his considerable skills. Yugoslavia seemed the more likely winners, and yet it was the captain himself who helped Spain to the clincher.

He carelessly gave away the ball in midfield and from the corner that followed substitute Saura forced it in.

Yugoslavia became dispirited and dropped their heads as Spain and their fans went on to celebrate.

For all the flag-waving, though, it was hardly the "great triumph" some Spanish papers acclaimed.



Gilberto Yerwood of Honduras and Spain's Jose Vincente Sanchez.

Unfancied Irish earn a surprise place in Madrid

Zaragoza — June 21
Honduras 1 (Laing 60)
Northern Ireland 1 (Armstrong 10)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Chan Tam (Hong Kong)

Honduras: Arzu — Gutierrez, Costly, Villegas, Cruz — Gilberto, Zelaya, Maradiaga — Norales (Laing 58), Betancourt, Figueroa.

Northern Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Donaghy — O'Neill (Healy 77), MacCreery, McIlroy — Armstrong, Hamilton, Whiteside (Brotherston 65).

NORTHERN Ireland and Honduras remained where they were — among the stalemate teams of the championship.

Both sides enjoyed periods of superiority when they promised to take a decisive grip on the match and closer to a second-round place.

But in truth they flattered to deceive and the draw was as just as it was damaging to their ambitions.

The Irish made a bright start, scored an early goal and looked capable of mastering the side who had given Spain so much trouble.

Clawed

It wasn't to be, and Figueroa and Betancourt gave the first hints of what they could conjure as Honduras clawed their way back into contention.

Even Jennings couldn't hold back their determined assault. He made a magnificent save from one corner but the next proved lethal.

The Irish sent on Healy and Brotherston in an effort to find something different, something more penetrating. They were to be disappointed.

Only Armstrong, with a clever dummy, could force an opening and he was frustrated by Arzu's fine save.

It was Armstrong who had given Northern Ireland the lead in the 10th minute. McIlroy's inswinging free-kick crashed against the bar and as the Irish piled in, Armstrong eventually scored.

Betancourt hit the bar, Armstrong a post and that was very much the way of it. Both sides so close, yet neither quite good enough.

Zaragoza — June 24
Honduras 0
Yugoslavia 1 (Petrovic pen).
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000.

Honduras: Arzu — Droumond, Villegas, Costly, Bulnes — Zelaya, Gilberto, Maradiaga — Murillo (Laing), Betancourt, Figueroa.

Yugoslavia: Pantelic — Krmpotic, Stojkovic, Zajec, Jovanovic (Halilhodzic) — Sljivo, Gudeli, Surjak — Vujovic (Sestic), Susic, Petrovic.

HONDURAS, who played so creditably throughout, ruined their reputation at the end.

Yugoslavia struggled for the win they needed — although ultimately it still wasn't enough — and only a Petrovic penalty saw them through.

But Gilberto was sent off before the restart.

Northern Ireland fans entering into the World Cup spirit.

Valencia — June 25
Spain 0
Northern Ireland 1 (Armstrong 47)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 48,000. **Ref:** Ortiz (Paraguay).

Spain: Arconada, Camacho, Tendillo, Alesanco, Gordillo, Saura, Alonso, Sanchez, Juanito, Satrustegui (Quini 45, Ufarte ((Gallego 77).

Northern Ireland: Jennings — J. Nicholl, C. Nicholl, McClelland, Donaghy — O'Neill, McCreery, McIlroy (Cassidy 50) — Armstrong, Hamilton, Whiteside (Nelson 73).

IT seemed the impossible dream, but it came true for Northern Ireland in the hostile, sweltering Luis Casanova Stadium.

They defeated host nation Spain to finish top of their group and march proudly to Madrid.

If that was improbable enough, it must be emphasised that the Irish achieved this most famous of victories against all the odds.

They had to contend with a cynical Spanish side, a hopelessly inadequate and timid referee and then the dismissal of Donaghy almost half an hour from the end.

But they overcame every obstacle with great skill, courage and dignity. They were all magnificent, simply magnificent.

From 37-year-old Jennings, to 17-year-old Norman Whiteside, the Irish gave Spain a lesson in efficiency and purpose.

Spain still went through on superior goals over Yugoslavia, and after this experience they were grateful for any passage.

Their brutality failed to break the Irish and when they fell behind so did their attempts to play football.

They were disorganised, lacked any imagination and rarely suggested they possessed finishing power.

Northern Ireland's priceless goal came two minutes into the second half. Hamilton charged up the right and the vastly overrated Arconada could only push out his cross.

Armstrong, who had a marvellous first round, calmly accepted his chance.

Mal Donaghy of Northern Ireland evades Safet Susic of Yugoslavia.

Scotland score first but Brazil hit back in fine style

Seville — June 14
Brazil 2 (Socrates 75, Eder 87)
Russia 1 (Bal 34)
H.T. 0-1 **Att:** 55,000 **Ref:** Lamo Castillo (Spain)

Brazil: Waldir Peres — Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Serginho, Zico, Dirceu (Paolo Isidoro 45), Socrates, Falcao, Eder.

Russia: Daseav — Sulakvelidce, Chilvadze, Baltacha, Demianenko, Shengelia (Andreiev 88), Bessonov, Gavrilov (Susloparov 73), Blokhin, Bal, Daraselia.

BRAZIL demonstrated to a captive audience that they had harnessed spirit and stamina to their "beautiful game."

They seemed destined, late into this match, to pay for mistakes at both ends against the powerful Russians.

The Brazilians made it difficult enough for themselves with a series of missed chances, but when goalkeeper Waldir Peres handed Russia the lead in the 34th minute their task become enormous.

Yet Brazil summoned a spectacular last quarter of an hour, scored twice and wound up with a crucial victory.

To every other country gathered in Spain for the World Cup Finals, it must have looked an ominous victory, too.

Russia, calmly impressive for lengthy periods, offered the South Americans little encouragement. They underlined the fact that they have guile as well as muscle and discipline.

But in the end they had nothing to resist the exuberant skills of a side intent on living up to so many expectations.

Bal's goal — or rather Waldir Peres' blunder — separated the teams until the 75th minute. Then Socrates struck a splendid equaliser.

Suddenly the considerable Brazilian contingent sensed the possibility of success and three minutes from the end Eder responded to their passionate support.

So Brazil were on their way — and the Russians left sufficient evidence to suggest they, too, might have more to say in this championship.

Malaga — June 15
Scotland 5 (Dalglish 18, Wark 30, 32, Robertson 74, Archibald 80).
New Zealand 2 (Summer 55, Wooddin 65).
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** David Socha (UA).

Scotland: Rough — McGrain, Hansen, Evans, Gray — Souness, Strachan (Narey 84), Wark, Robertson — Dalglish, Brazil (Archibald 54).

New Zealand: Van Hattum — Elrick, Hill, Malcolmson (Cole 78), Almond (Herbert 66) — Summer, Mackay, Cresswell — Booth, Runer, Wooddin.

SCOTLAND started as if they might challenge Hungary for that goalscoring record, but we should have known better.

That old tendency to stumble against inferior opposition revealed itself again and for a spell in the second half they were on the brink of a remarkable upset.

After strolling into a 3-0 lead, mistakes at the back — not least in goal — gave New Zealand an unexpected new lease of life.

The Scots' advantage was reduced to 3-2 and their thousands of followers began to fear the worst.

It was not to be, however. New Zealand, for all their determination, couldn't muster a further blow and Scotland managed to restore a little order to their play.

Robertson expertly chipped in the fourth and Archibald made it a more comfortable 5 ten minutes from the end.

For Scotland the victory was welcome enough, but those lapses early in the second half could not be overlooked.

The Scots' play in general stuttered, they were far from convincing in defence and goalkeeper Rough raised even more questions about his capabilities.

Too few players consistently came up to the sort of standard expected of them and they had the opportunism of Wark to thank for carrying them to that commanding first-half situation.

As for New Zealand, they had two goals from one match, and that was probably enough to take back home with them.

Seville — June 18
Brazil 4 (Zico 33, Oscar 48, Eder 63, Falcao 85)
Scotland 1 (Narey 18)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Siles Calderon (Cuba)

Brazil: Waldir Peres — Leandro, Oscar, Luizinho, Junior — Falcao, Zico, Cerezo — Eder, Socrates, Serginho (Paolo Isidoro 81).

Scotland: Rough — Narey, Miller, Hansen, Gray — Wark, Souness, Hartford (McLeish 66) — Robertson, Strachan (Dalglish 67), Archibald.

BRAZIL underlined the force of their World Cup challenge with another compelling display.

Scotland manager Jock Stein, disturbed by his side's slips against New Zealand, warned that there would be no gifts this time — for half an hour the Scots were as good as his word. They went about their job in a determined, orderly manner and even took the lead.

But as Brazil showed in their first game against Russia, they aren't a side to accept setbacks. There is character as well as outstanding talent in their ranks, and those two qualities became too much for Scotland.

Zico scored the equaliser and then the bubbling brilliance of the Brazilians overflowed as Stein's men found themselves on the receiving end of a hiding.

The Scotland boss juggled an already re-shaped side in a desperate bid to stay in the game, but it was simply a futile exercise. They were by now outclassed and in fairness to them, they seemed likely to be in good company by the end of these finals.

Honest endeavour and sound organisation can frustrate, even overcome many teams, even on this, the grandest of football stages. But the Brazilians presented an entirely different proposition. Their capabilities appeared boundless.

The favourites were marching confidently to the next group, while Scotland could only wait and hope for a decisive effort against the Russians.

Malaga — June 19
Russia 3 (Gavrilov 24, Blokhin 48, Baltacha 69)
New Zealand 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** El-Ghoul (Libya)

Russia: Dasaev — Sulakvalidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demianenko — Shengelia, Bassoonov, Gavrilov (Rodionov 78) — Bal, Daraseli (Organessian 45), Blokhin.

New Zealand: Van Hattum — Dads, Herbert, Elrick, Boath — Cole, Summer, Mackay — Cresswell, Rufer, Wooddin.

AFTER their late traumas against the Brazilians, Russia welcomed the opportunity of a comfortable, uncomplicated evening's activity.

Celebrations as Brazil's Eder scores his side's second goal against the USSR.

Stein gambles on Jordan but USSR draw to go through

They calmly picked off the men from New Zealand, apparently without ever having to over-exert themselves.

It was very much the sort of performance you might anticipate — controlled, uncompromising and utterly efficient.

New Zealand, who were presented with gifts by Scotland in their first game, had no such luck this time. Russia were not in that sort of mood. There was no lack of endeavour from New Zealand and until they conceded the second goal, in the 48th minute, they retained the thought that they could claim something from the match.

In truth, though, the Russians always looked as they had a bit extra in hand that they could produce it if necessary.

Gavrilov put them ahead midway through the first half and then, after the interval, the influence of Blokhin proved decisive.

He scored Russia's second goal and in the 69th minute his centre led to the third, converted by Baltacha.

So Russia headed safely towards their crucial clash with Scotland, while New Zealand prepared themselves for a final fling — against Brazil.

Malaga — June 22
Scotland 2 (Jordan, Souness)
USSR 2 (Chivadze, Shengelia)
HT: 1-0. Att: 38,000.

Scotland: Rough, Narey, Souness, Hansen, Miller, Strachan (McGrain), Archibald, Jordan (Brazil), Wark, Robertson.

USSR: Dasayev, Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Baltacha, Demyanenko, Borovsky, Shengelia (Andreyev), Bessanov, Gavrilov, Bal, Blokhin.

SCOTLAND couldn't maintain a fine first half performance and as the USSR found an extra gear the goals conceded against New Zealand proved their downfall.

Joe Jordan, brought back by Jock Stein in a somewhat controversial team selection, began with a flourish and scored a fine opportunist goal after a mistake by the USSR defence had allowed Steve Archibald to win possession.

With Grahame Souness organising the side from midfield Scotland looked capable of beating a Soviet team that knew a draw was enough.

But as Jordan faded, with John Robertson providing no ammunition from his right wing station, the USSR grew in strength and began to expose a Scottish defence that desperately needed a commanding, influential goalkeeper.

Alan Rough was neither and while Chivadze's equaliser wasn't directly his fault someone like Peter Shilton would have closed down the situation much quicker.

Scotland temporarily lost their way and the substitutions of Jordan by Alan Brazil and Gordon Strachan — an excellent opening 45 minutes from him — by Danny McGrain — a strange choice — failed to produce an instant miracle.

Robertson switched to the left and provided a couple of wonderful crosses which eluded even the tall, elegant Dasayev but by this time Jordan was on the sidelines.

Scotland's hopes were finally sunk when Alan Hansen and Miller were involved in a horrible mix-up which left Shengelia clear. Rough made life easy for the experienced Soviet striker who put the final nail in Scotland's coffin.

Souness produced a second goal to provide thoughts of a resurrection but there was little chance of that and Scotland, after a performance that would have earned them the points against some other teams who qualified for the second phase, were set for an early departure.

Seville (B. Villanarin) — June 23
Brazil 4 (Zico 28, 31, Flaco 55, Seghino)
New Zealand 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Matovinovic (Yug).

Brazil: Valdir Peres — Leandro, Oscar (Edinho 73), Luizinho, Junior — Falcao, Toninho Cerezo, Socrates — Zico, Serginho (Paulo Isidor 67), Eder.

New Zealand: Van Hattum — Dods, Herbert, Elrick, Boath — Sumner, Mackay, Cresswell (Cole 77), Almond — Rufer (B. Turner 77), Wooddin.

BRAZIL played as only Brazil can — a rolling, entertaining, exciting feast of football in which they enjoyed themselves, knowing that they need never be extended by the brave New Zealanders.

To give the Kiwis their due their heads never went down and their organisation never failed though there was all the world of difference between the two sides. Brazil were world-class and New Zealand were beginners.

Even so, the Brazilians refused to settle for the simple goals which they could so easily have fashioned. Manager Tele Santana allowed them this opportunity for self-indulgence knowing it would be the last time his men would have the opportunity before the nitty-gritty of the tournament's closing stages.

Sumner shot high over in the 26th minute in a rare New Zealander attack, but after that it was all Brazil with Zico leading the way in the 28th minute with an overhead bicycle-kick which produced the goal of the tournament so far.

The goal was provided by Leandro's cross and it was the Flamengo right-back who helped lay on the second three minutes later. Socrates sent the full-back clear down the right and when he pulled the ball back there was Zico once more to sweep magisterially into the corner of the net.

Zico turned creator in the second half when Falcao strode in on the right to slip another superb goal past Van Hattum and then Serginho turned in the fourth after Zico had brilliantly controlled and held back a long chip through the inside left position from Junior.

FIFA President Joao Havelange was among the crowd.

Scotland's John Wark celebrates a goal against New Zealand.

The goal that sank Scotland's hopes of a place in the second phase . . . Alan Rough is beaten by Ramaz Shengelia of the USSR.

ALGERIA

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	MEHDI CERBAH	Kouba	29	53
21	MOURAD AMARA	JET Tizi-ouzo	23	17
22	YACINE BENTALAA	Hussein-Dey (MAHD)	26	15
	Defence			
2	MAHMOUD GUENDOUZ	Hussein-Dey	29	40
4	NOURREDINE KOURICHI	Bordeaux	27	24
16	FAWZI MANSOURI	Montpellier, France	26	16
5	CHAABANE MERZEKANE	Mahat	23	15
3	MUSTAPHA KOUICI	Belcourt (Alg)	27	35
12	SALAH LARBES	JET Tizi-ouzo	30	27
17	ABDELKADER HORR	D C N Algiers	28	0
	Midfield			
15	MUSTAPHA DAHLEB	Paris Saint-Germain	30	13
10	LAKHDAR BELLOUMI	Galia Mascara	23	34
18	KARIM MAROC	Tours, France	24	0
8	ALI FERGANI	JET Tizi-ouzo	29	45
6	ALI BENCHEIKH	M P Algiers	27	31
	Attack			
14	DJAMEL ZIDANE	Kortrijk, Belgium	28	8
20	ABDELMAJID BOUREBBOU	Laval, France	31	0
19	DJAMEL TLEMCANI	Reims, France	24	0
9	TEDJ BENSAOULA	Oran M P	27	26
11	RABAH MADJER	Hussein-Dey	24	30
7	SALAH ASSAD	Kouba	23	27
13	HOCINE YAHI	Belcourt (Alg)	21	0

Managers:
RACHID MEKLOUFI. 45. March 1982.
MAHIEDDINE KHALEF. 41. March 1982.
Joint record in charge: 7-3-2-2-8-7.

ARGENTINA

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
7	UBALDO MATILDO FILLOL	River Plate	31	33
2	HECTOR BALEY	Tallers Cordoba	31	15
16	NERY PUMPIDO	Velez Sarsfield	24	0
	Defence			
14	JORGE OLGUIN	Independiente	29	59
8	LUIS GALVAN	Talleres Cordona	34	29
15	DANIEL PASSARELLA	River Plate/Fiorentina	26	59
18	ALBERTO TARANTINI	River Plate	26	59
13	JULIO OLARTICOECHEA	River Plate	23	0
19	ENZO TROSSERO	Independiente	28	9
22	JOSE VAN TUYNE	Racing Buenos Aires	27	13
	Midfield			
1	OSVALDO ARDILES	Tottenham	29	51
9	AMERICO GALLEGO	River Plate	27	74
10	DIEGO MARADONA	Boca Jun./Barcelona	21	28
3	JUAN BARBAS	Racing BA/Zaragoza	22	22
12	PATRICIO HERNANDEZ	Estudiantes de la Plata	25	11
21	DANIEL VALENCIA	Talleres Cordoba	26	40
	Attack			
4	DANIEL BERTONI	Fiorentina (Italy)	27	26
6	RAMON ANGEL DIAZ	River Plate/Napoli	22	20
11	MARIO ALBERTO KEMPES	River Plate/Valencia	27	46
20	JORGE VALDANO	Zaragoza (Spain)	26	4
5	GABRIEL CALDERON	Independiente	21	4
17	SANTIAGO SANTAMARIA	Newell's Old Boys	29	8

Manager:
CESAR LUIS MENOTTI. 43. 1973. 78-41-22-5-148-75.

AUSTRIA

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	FRIEDL KONCILIA	FK Austria	34	60
21	HERBERT FEURER	Rapid Vienna	28	7
22	KLAUS LINDENBERGER	Linzer ASK	24	1
	Defence			
2	BERND KRAUSS	Rapid Vienna	25	5
19	HERIBERT WEBER	Rapid	26	27
17	JOHANN PREGESBAUER	Rapid	23	4
15	JOHANN DIHANICH	FK Austria	23	8
3	ERICH OBERMAYER	FK Austria	29	37
12	ANTON PICHLER	Sturm Graz	26	5
16	GERALD MESSLENDER	Admira	20	0
4	JOSEF DEGEORGI	Admira	22	3
5	BRUNO PEZZEY	Eintracht Frankfurt	27	54
	Midfield			
14	ERNST BAUMEISTER	FK Austria	25	11
8	HERBERT PROHASKA	Internazionale (It)	26	57
11	KURT JARA	Grasshoppers Zurich	31	55
10	REINHOLD HINTERMAIER	Nurnberg	25	10
6	ROLAND HATTENBERGER	Wacker Innsbruck	33	47
	Attack			
7	WALTER SCHACHNER	Cesena (Italy)	25	31
9	HANS KRANKL	Rapid Vienna	29	61
20	KURT WELZL	Valencia	28	19
13	MAX HAGMAYR	VOEST Linz	26	5
18	GERNOT JURTIN	Sturm Graz	26	5

Manager:
GEORG SCHMIDT. 55. January 1982. 3-3-0-0-6-3.

BELGIUM

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	JEAN-MARIE PFAFF	Beveren/Bayern Munich	28	28
22	JACQUES MUNARON	Anderlecht	25	0
12	THEO CUSTERS	Espanol Barcelona	32	9
	Defence			
2	ERIC GERETS	Standard Liege	27	38
15	MAURICE DE SCHRIJVER	Lokeren	30	1
3	LUC MILLECAMPS	Waregem	30	24
5	MICHEL RENQUIN	Anderlecht	26	33
14	MARK BAECKE	Beveren	25	6
4	WALTER MEEUWS	Standard Liege	30	32
	Midfield			
8	WILFRED VAN MOER	Beveren/St Trond*	37	45
16	GERARD PLESSERS	Standard Liege	22	6
17	RENE VERHEYEN	Lokeren	30	18
18	RAYMOND MOMMENS	Lokeren	23	10
19	MARC MILLECAMPS	Waregem	31	5
10	LUDO COECK	Anderlecht	26	29
6	FRANKIE VERCAUTEREN	Anderlecht	25	18
20	BUY VANDERMISSEN	Stardard Liege	24	0
7	JOS DAERDEN	Standard Liege	27	1
13	FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST	West Ham	27	36
	Attack			
9	ERWIN VANDENBERGH	Lierse/Anderlecht	23	18
11	JAN CEULEMANS	Club Brugge	25	28
21	ALEX CZERNIATYNSKI	Antwerp/Anderlecht	21	6

*As player-coach.
Manager:
GUY THYS. 60. 1977. 36-18-8-10-50-32.

BRAZIL

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	VALDIR PERES	Sao Paulo	31	22
12	PAULO SERGIO	Botafogo	27	4
22	CARLOS	Ponte Preta	25	13
	Defence			
2	Jose LEANDRO S. Ferreira	Flamengo	23	4
3	Jose OSCAR Bernardi	Sao Paulo	27	45
17	PEDRINHO (Pedro L. Vicencote)	Palmeiras	24	7
4	LUIZINHO (Luiz Carlos Ferreira)	Atletico Mineiro	23	26
6	JUNIOR	Flamengo	27	37
13	EDEVALDO De Freitas	Fluminense	23	17
16	EDINHO (Edno H. Filho)	Fluminense/Udinese	26	45
14	JUNINHO (Alcides Fonseca)	Ponte Preta	23	3
	Midfield			
10	ZICO (Artur Antunes Coimbra)	Flamengo	29	72
15	Paulo Roberto FALCAO	Roma (Italy)	28	22
8	SOCRATES	Corinthians S. Paulo	27	35
5	TONINHO CEREZO	Atletico Mineiro	26	63
19	Carlos RENATO Federico	Sao Paulo	24	15
18	Joao BATISTA	Gremio Porto Alegre	27	29
21	DIRCEU Jose Guimaraes	Ex-Atletico Madrid	30	35
	Attack			
7	PAULO ISIDORO	Gremio	28	34
11	EDER Aleixo de Assis	Atletico Mineiro	24	21
9	SERGINHO (Sergio Bernardino)	Sao Paulo	27	15
20	ROBERTO (Carlos Roberto Oliveira)	Vasco da Gama	28	34

Manager:
TELE SANTANA. 50. January 1980. 30-22-6-2-72-19.

CAMEROON

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	THOMAS N'KONO	Canon Yaounde	27	64
22	SIMON TCHOBANG	Dinamo Douala	31	0
12	ANTOINE BELL	Africa Sport, Abidjan	26	4
	Defence			
11	CHARLES TOUBE	Tonnerre Yaounde	24	0
7	EFFREM M'BOM	Canon Yaounde	26	11
15	FRANCOIS N'DOUMBE LEA	Union Douala	30	52
4	RENE NDJEYA	Union Douala	28	12
5	ELIE ONANA	Federal Foumban	24	0
3	EDMOND ENOKA	Dragon Douala	27	24
16	IBRAHIM AOUDOU	Cannes, France	25	6
2	MICHAEL KAHAM	Quimper, France	31	8
	Midfield			
14	THEOPHILE ABEGA	Canon	26	55
17	JOSEPH KAMGA	Union Douala	29	9
6	EMMANUEL KUNDE	Canon	24	5
19	JOSEPH ENANGA	Union Douala	24	0
8	GREGOIRE M'BIDA	Canon	23	31
10	JEAN-PIERRE TOKOTO	Jacksonville, US	34	62
	Attack			
20	ALAIN EYOBO	Dinamo Douala	20	6
18	JACQUES NGUEA	Canon	26	19
21	ERNEST EBONGUE	Tonnerre	20	0
9	ROGER MILLA	Bastia, France	30	26
13	PAUL BAHOKEN	Cannes, France	26	16

Manager:
JEAN VINCENT. 51. April 1982. 1-0-1-0-0-0-.
(French)

CHILE

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
22	MARIO OSBEN	Colo Colo	30	35
1	OSCAR WIRTH	Cobreloa	24	12
12	MARCOS CORNEZ	Palestino	22	0
	Defence			
2	LIZARDO GARRIDO	Colo Colo	23	21
18	MARIO GALINDO	Colo Colo	29	18
5	ELIAS FIGUEROA	Colo Colo	34	26
3	RENE VALENZUELA	Universidad Catolica	25	31
10	MARIO SOTO	Cobreloa	30	33
17	OSCAR ROJAS	Colo Colo	23	3
4	VLADIMIR BIGORRA	Universidad de Chile	26	27
19	ENZO ESCOBAR	Cobreloa	27	21
	Midfield			
8	CARLOS RIVAS	Colo Colo	24	36
14	RAUL ORMENO	Colo Colo	23	1
16	MANUEL ROJAS	Universidad Catolica	24	37
20	MIGUEL ANGEL NEIRA	Universidad Catolica	24	31
6	RODOLFO DUBO	Palestino	27	31
17	EDUARDO BONVALLET	Universidad Catolica	27	27
	Attack			
11	GUSTAVO MOSCOSO	Universidad Catolica	26	21
15	PATRICIO YANEZ	San Luis	20	29
21	MIGUEL ANGEL GAMBOA	Universidad de Chile	29	22
9	JUAN CARLOS LETELIER	Cobreloa	24	7
13	CARLOS CASZELY	Colo Colo	31	24

Manager:
LUIS SANTIBANEZ. 45. 1978. 32-15-10-7-41-23.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	STANISLAV SEMAN	Lokomotiv Kosice	29	14
21	ZDENEK HRUSKA	Bohemians Prague	27	15
22	KAREL STROMSIK	Dukla Prague	24	2
	Defence			
2	FRANTISEK JAKUBEC	Bohemians	25	10
5	JOZEF BARMOS	Inter Bratislava	27	49
15	JOZEF KUKUCKA	Plastica Nitra	25	3
3	JAN FIALA	Dukla Prague	25	22
6	ROSTISLAV VOJACEK	Bank Ostrava	32	39
4	LADISLAV JURKEMIK	Inter Bratislava	28	48
14	LIBOR RADIMEC	Bank Ostrava	31	16
	Midfield			
7	JAN KOZAK	Dukla Prague	27	54
12	PREMYSL BICOVSKY	Bohemians	31	40
17	FRANTISEK STAMBACHR	Dukla Prague	29	25
8	ANTONIN PANENKA	Rapid Vienna	32	58
13	JAN BERGER	Sparta Prague	26	12
	Attack			
10	TOMAS KRIZ	Dukla Prague	21	4
16	PAVEL CHALOUPKA	Bohemians	23	1
9	LADISLAV VIZEK	Dukla Prague	26	33
18	PETR JANECKA	Zbrojovka Brno	23	14
19	MARIAN MASNY	Slovan Bratislava	31	72
11	ZDENEK NEHODA	Dukla Prague	29	85
20	VLASTIVIL PETRZELA	Slava Prague	28	0

Manager:
JOSEF VENGLOS. 54. 1978. 42-16-10-16-73-46.

EL SALVADOR

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	Luis Ricardo GUEVARA MORA	Platense	21	15
20	Jose MUNGUIA	FAS	22	0
	Defence			
3	Jose F. JOVEL Cruz	Aguia	25	26
4	Carlos Humberto RECINOS	FAS	29	31
15	Jaime RODRIGUEZ	Ex-Bayer Uerdingen (WG)	24	33
5	Ramon Alfredo FAGOAGA	Atletco Marte	24	24
12	Francisco Salvador OSORTO	Santiagueno	25	18
2	Mario Alfronso CASTILLO	Santiagueno	23	11
	Midfield			
10	Noberto HUEZO Montoya	Atletco Marte	26	45
16	Mauricio Alberto ALFARO	Platense	28	27
7	Silvio Romeo AQUINO	Aliarza	31	9
8	Jose Luis RUGAMAS	Atletco Marte	27	19
	Attack			
13	Jose Maria RIVAS	Aliarza	25	17
19	*Julio Eduardo HERNANDEZ	Santiagueno	23	7
18	Miguel Angel DIAZ	Atletco Marte	23	0
6	Joaquin Alfonso VENTURA	Santiagueno	24	9
9	Francisco EVER HERNANDEZ	Santiagueno	24	20
11	Jorge Alberto GONZALEZ	FAS	21	35
14	Luis B. RAMIREZ ZAPATA	Atletco Marte	29	31
17	Guillermo LORENZANA RAGAZZONI	Atletco Marte	26	0

*To double as reserve goalkeeper.

Manager:
MAURICIO RODRIGUEZ. 36. 1979. 15-8-5-2-18-9.

ENGLAND

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	RAY CLEMENCE	Tottenham	33	59
13	JOE CORRIGAN	Man City	33	9
22	PETER SHILTON	Nottm Forest	32	37
	Defence			
2	VIV ANDERSON	Nottm Forest	25	10
14	PHIL NEAL	Liverpool	31	37
18	PHIL THOMPSON	Liverpool	28	35
4	TERRY BUTCHER	Ipswich	23	4
6	STEVE FOSTER	Brighton	24	2
12	MICK MILLS	Ipswich	33	37
17	KENNY SANSOM	Arsenal	23	23
	Midfield			
3	TREVOR BROOKING	West Ham	33	46
5	STEVE COPPELL	Man Utd	26	36
9	GLEN HODDLE	Tottenham	24	11
10	TERRY McDERMOTT	Liverpool	30	25
15	GRAHAM RIX	Arsenal	24	8
16	BRYAN ROBSON	Man Utd	25	19
19	RAY WILKINS	Man Utd	25	47
	Attack			
7	KEVIN KEEGAN	Southampton	31	62
8	TREVOR FRANCIS	Man City	28	27
11	PAUL MARINER	Ipswich	29	21
20	PETER WITHE	Aston Villa	30	6
21	TONY WOODCOCK	Köln (Cologne) /Arsenal?	26	22

Manager:
RON GREENWOOD. 60. August 1977. 49-30-9-10-87-38.

FRANCE

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	DOMINIQUE BARATELLI	Paris Saint-Germain	34	21
21	JEAN CASTANEDA	Saint-Etienne	25	7
22	JEAN-LUC ETTORI	Monaco	27	2
	Defence			
2	MANUEL AMOROS	Monaco	20	4
3	PATRICK BATTISTON	Saint-Etienne	25	19
4	MAXIME BOSSIS	Nantes	27	37
5	GERARD JANVION	Saint-Etienne	28	32
6	CHRISTIAN LOPEZ	Saint-Etienne	29	35
7	PHILIPPE MAHUT	Metz	26	4
8	MARIUS TRESOR	Bordeaux	32	53
	Midfield			
9	BERNARD GENGHINI	Sochaux/Saint-Etienne	24	8
11	RENE GIRARD	Bordeaux	28	2
12	ALAIN GIRESSE	Bordeaux	29	14
13	JEAN-FRANCOIS LARIOS	Saint-Etienne	25	15
10	MICHEL PLATINI	Saint-Etienne/Juventus	27	35
14	JEAN TIGANA	Bordeaux	27	13
	Attack			
15	BRUNO BELLONE	Monaco	20	6
16	ALAIN COURIOL	Monaco	23	7
17	BERNARD LACOMBE	Bordeaux	29	29
18	DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU	Paris SG	27	24
19	DIDIER SIX	Stuttgart, WG	27	36
20	GERARD SOLER	Bordeaux	28	7

Manager:
MICHEL HIDALGO. 46. 1975. 48-25-10-13-89-42.

HONDURAS

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
21	JULIO CESAR ARZU	Deportivo Espana	27	24
22	JIMMY STEWART	Motagua	28	41
1	SALOMAN NASSAR	Deportivo Universidad	25	8
	Defence			
4	JOSE FERNANDO BULNES	Marathon	35	52
3	JAIME ENRIQUE VILLEGAS	Real Espana	35	48
17	LUIS CRUZ	Atletico Mura	30	0
5	ALLAN COSTLY	Deportivo Espana	28	33
15	HECTOR ZELAYA	Motagua	23	21
2	CESAR E. GUTIERREZ	Deportivo Universidad	23	12
	Midfield			
11	DAVID BUESO	Motagua	24	17
20	GILBERTO Geronimo Yearwood	Valladolid (Spain)	25	0
18	CARLOS ORLANDO CABALLERO	Real Espana	23	0
14	JUAN MURILLO CRUZ	Universidad de Leon (Sp)	24	13
9	PORFIRIO A. BETANCOURT	Real Espana	24	18
6	RAMON MARADIAGA	Motagua	24	37
	Attack			
13	PRUDENCIO MORALES	Olimpia	27	33
8	FRANCISCO JAVIER TOLEDO	Marathon	26	27
10	JOSE ROBERTO FIGUEROA	Vida Club	23	37
16	ROBERTO 'Jimmy' BAILEY	Marathon	26	18
12	DOMINGO DRUMMOND	Platense	25	25
7	TONY LAING	Platense	24	19
9	CELSO WUITTI (White)	Marathon	27	3

Manager:
JOSE DE LA PAZ HERRERA (Chelato Ucles). 41. 1979. 21-10-7-3-31-15.

HUNGARY

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	FERENC MESZAROS	Sporting Lisbon	31	26
21	BELA KATZIRZ	Pecs	28	14
22	IMRE KISS	Tatabanya	24	0
	Defence			
18	ATTILA KEREKES	Bekecsaba	28	10
13	TIBOR RAB	Ferencvaros	26	19
19	JOZSEF VARGA	Honved	27	8
20	JOZSEF CSUHAY	Videoton	24	0
2	GYOZO MARTOS	Waterschei, Belgium	32	27
3	LASZLO BALINT	Toulouse/FK Austria	33	74
6	IMRE GARABA	Honved	23	17
4	JOSZEF TOTH	Ujpest Dozsa	30	47
	Midfield			
14	SANDOR SALLAI	Debrecen	21	8
17	KAROLY CSAPO	Tatabanya	29	17
16	FERENC CSONGRADI	Videoton	26	13
8	TIBOR NYILASI	Ferencvaros	26	49
5	SANDOR MULLER	Hercules Alicante, Sp	33	15
	Attack			
15	BELA BODONYI	Honved	25	13
12	LAZAR SZENTES	Raba ETO Gyor	28	2
7	LASZLO FAZEKAS	Antwerp, Belgium	34	85
9	ANDRAS TOROCSIK	Ujpest Dozsa	26	33
10	LASZLO KISS	Vasas	25	24
11	GABOR POLOSKEI	Ferencvaros	23	5

Manager:
KALMAN MESZOLY. 41. 1980. 20-9-4-7-32-27.

ITALY

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	DINO ZOFF	Juventus	40	99
12	IVANO BORDON	Internazionale	31	11
22	GIOVANNI GALLI	Fiorentina	24	0
	Defence			
3	GIUSEPPE BERGOMI	Inter	18	1
4	ANTONIO CABRINI	Juventus	24	33
7	GAETANO SCIREA	Juventus	29	49
6	CLAUDIO GENTILE	Juventus	28	56
2	FRANCO BARESI	AC Milan	22	0
5	FULVIO COLLOVATI	AC Milan/Internazionale	25	26
8	PIETRO VIERCHOWOD	Fiorentina	23	2
	Midfield			
11	GIAMPIERO MARINI	Inter	31	11
13	GABRIELE ORIALI	Inter	29	20
9	GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI	Fiorentina	38	61
14	MARCO TARDELLI	Juventus	27	55
10	GIUSEPPE DOSSENA	Torino	24	9
	Attack			
15	FRANCO CAUSIO	Udinese	33	58
16	BRUNO CONTI	Roma	27	14
19	FRANCESCO GRAZIANI	Fiorentina	29	53
18	ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI	Inter	26	10
21	FRANCO SELVAGGI	Cagliari/Torino	29	3
17	DANIELE MASSARO	Fiorentina	21	1
20	PAOLO ROSSI	Juventus	25	20

Manager:
ENZO BEARZOT. 55. 1975 (with Fulvio Bernardini); 1977 (sole). 48-23-13-12-62-46.

KUWAIT

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	Ahmad Khader AL-TARABULSI	Kuwait Army FC	35	56
21	Adam MARJAM AHMAD	Kazma FC	24	11
22	JASEM BAHMAN	Al-Arabi	22	0
	Defence			
2	Naeem SA'AD Mubarak Fajah	Al-Tadhamon	25	48
5	Walid Mo. AL-JASEM Mo. Mubarak	Kuwait Army FC	22	32
14	Abdullah MAYOUF	Kazma FC	28	68
15	Sami Mo. AL-HASHASH	Al-Arabi	23	28
3	Mahoub JOMAH Mubarak	Salmiyya	26	73
13	Mubarak MARZOUQ Al-Issa	Al-Tadhamon	21	4
4	Jamal Mo. YACOUB Al-Qaband	Kazma	23	12
	Midfield			
17	Humoud AL-SHEMMANI	Kazma	22	35
11	Naser Abdullah AL-GHANEM	Kazma	21	31
8	Abdullah Mo. AL-BULOUSHI	Al-Arabi	22	46
6	Saed Mo. Abdul Aziz AL-HOUTI	Kuwait Army FC	27	62
12	Youssef AL-SUWAAYED	Kazma	23	30
	Attack			
10	Abdul Aziz AL-ANBARI	Kuwait Army FC	28	85
16	Faisal Ali AL-DAKHIL	Qadisiya	25	69
9	JASEM YACOUB Sultan	Qadisiya	29	62
18	Mohammad Ahmad KARAM	Al-Arabi	27	25
7	Fatih KAMIL Matar Marzouq	Al-Tadhamon	27	63
20	Abdud Aziz AL-BULOUSHI	Al-Arabi	25	10
19	Moayyed REAYYEM	Kazma	24	8

Manager:
CARLOS ALBERTO Parreira. 39. 1977. 23-16-5-3-48-16. (Brazilian)

NEW ZEALAND

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	RICHARD WILSON	Preston, Australia	25	33
21	BARRY PICKERING	Mirimar	25	7
22	FRANK VAN HATTUM	Manurewa	23	12
	Defence			
2	GLEN DODS	Adelaide City, Aus	25	32
3	RICKI HERBERT	Mount Wellington	21	23
6	BOBBY ALMOND	Invercargill Thistle	30	41
16	GLEN ADAM	Mt Wellington	22	20
11	SAM MALCOLMSON	East Coast Bays	35	31
14	ADRIAN ELRICK	North Shore United	32	74
5	DAVE BRIGHT	Manurewa	32	15
15	JOHN HILL	Gisborne City	33	16
	Midfield			
12	KEITH MACKAY	Gisborne City	25	18
10	STEVE SUMNER	West Adelaide, Aus	27	67
8	DUNCAN COLE	North Shore Utd	23	35
19	BILLY McCLURE	Mt Wellington	24	10
17	ALLAN BOATH	West Adelaide, Aus	24	9
18	PETER SIMONSEN	Manurewa	23	10
13	KEN CRESWELL	Gisborne City	24	11
20	GRANT TURNER	Gisborne City	23	27
	Attack			
9	STEVE WOODDIN	No club, ex-South Melbourne	27	25
7	WYNTON RUFER	FC Zurich, ex-Mirimar	19	11
4	BRIAN TURNER	Gisborne City	32	101

Caps figures are appearances for New Zealand, NOT solely full intls.
Manager:
JOHN ADSHEAD. 36. 1979. 28-16-6-6-66-26. (FULL internationals!)

NORTHERN IRELAND

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	PAT JENNINGS	Arsenal	37	91
17	JIM PLATT	Middlesbrough	30	15
22	GEORGE DUNLOP	Linfield	25	0
	Defence			
2	JIMMY NICHOLL	Toronto	25	43
5	CHRIS NICHOLL	Southampton	35	40
12	JOHN McCLELLAND	Glasgow Rangers	26	10
6	JOHN O'NEILL	Leicester	23	17
13	SAMMY NELSON	Brighton	33	50
3	MAL DONAGHY	Luton	24	12
	Midfield			
8	MARTIN O'NEILL	Norwich	30	43
10	SAMMY McILROY	Stoke	27	56
15	TOM FINNEY	Cambridge	29	12
20	JIM CLEARY	Glentoran	26	2
4	DAVID McCREERY	Tulsa	24	38
14	TOMMY CASSIDY	Burnley	31	23
	Attack			
19	FELIX HEALY	Coleraine	26	2
7	NOEL BROTHERSTON	Blackburn	25	14
11	BILLY HAMILTON	Burnley	24	17
9	GERRY ARMSTRONG	Watford	28	37
21	BOBBY CAMPBELL	Bradford	25	2
16	NORMAN WHITESIDE	Man Utd	17	0
18	JOHNNY JAMESON	Glentoran	24	0

Manager:
BILLY BINGHAM. 50. 1980 (second spell in charge). 12-3-3-6-5-17.

PERU

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
21	RAMON QUIROGA	Sporting Cristal	31	47
1	EUSEBIO ACASUZO	Universitario Deportes	28	13
12	JOSE M. GONZALES (Ganoza)	Alianza	27	8
	Defence			
2	JAIME DUARTE	Alianza	25	31
15	RUBEN TORIBIO DIAZ	Sporting Cristal	28	49
16	JORGE OLAECHEA	Alianza	25	20
14	MIGUEL ANGEL GUTTIEREZ	Sporting Cristal	23	2
4	HUGO GASTULO	Universitario Deportes	24	7
3	SALVADOR SALGUERO	Alianza	30	10
13	OSCAR ARIZAGA	Atletico Chalaco	24	0
	Midfield			
8	CESAR CUETO	Canale 5 (ex Nacional of Colombia)	27	35
9	JULIO CESAR URIBE	Sporting Cristal	24	15
6	JOSE VELASQUEZ	Canale 4 (ex Independiente of Colombia)	30	63
22	LUIS REYNA	Sporting Cristal	22	0
10	TEOFILO CUBILLAS	Fort Lauderdale, US	32	55
18	EDUARDO MALASQUEZ	Deportivo Municipal	24	4
20	PERCY ROJAS	Seraing, Belgium	31	48
	Attack			
7	GERONIMO BARBADILLO	Nuevo Leon, Mex/Udinese	27	10
19	GUILLERMO LA ROSA	Canale 5 (ex Nacional, Col)	28	29
17	FRANCO NAVARRO	Deportivo Municipal	21	4
11	JUAN CARLOS OBLITAS	Seraing, Belgium	30	46
5	GERMAN LEGUIA	Universitario Deportes	25	17

Manager:
TIM (Elba de Padua Lima). 71. 1981. 10-6-3-1-13-6. (Brazilian)

POLAND

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	JOZEF MLYNARCZYK	Widzew Lodz	29	8
22	PIOTR MOWLIK	Lech Poznan	31	21
21	JACEK KAZIMIERSKI	Legia Warsaw	23	1
	Defence			
2	MAREK DZIUBA	LKS Lodz	27	42
5	PAWEL JANAS	Legia Warsaw	29	38
7	JAN JALOCHA	Wisla Krakow	25	8
9	WLADYSLAW ZMUDA	Widzew Lodz	28	73
12	ROMAN WOJCICKI	Slask Wroclaw	24	10
4	TADEUSZ DOLNY	Gornik Zabrze	24	4
	Midfield			
6	PIOTR SKROBOWSKI	Wisla Krakow	21	14
20	ZBIGNIEW BONIEK	Widzew Lodz/Juventus	26	50
15	WLODZIMIERZ CIOLEK	Stal Mielec	26	12
3	JANUSZ KUPCEWICZ	Arka Gdynia	27	10
10	STEFAN MAJEWSKI	Legia Warsaw	26	15
8	WALDEMAR MATYSIK	Gornik Zabrze	21	6
	Attack			
19	ANDRZEJ IWAN	Wisla Krakow	22	19
18	MAREK KUSTO	Legia Warsaw	28	12
14	ANDRZEJ PALASZ	Gornik Zabrze	22	12
11	WLODZIMIERZ SMOLAREK	Widzew Lodz	25	12
13	ANDRZEJ BUNCOL	Legia Warsaw	23	7
16	GRZEGORZ LATO	Lokeren, Belgium	32	96
17	ANDRZEJ SZARMACH	Auxerre, France	32	59

Manager:
ANTONI PIECHNICZEK. 40. January 1981. 11-7-0-4-23-14.

SCOTLAND

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	ALAN ROUGH	Partick	30	48
12	GEORGE WOOD	Arsenal	29	4
22	JIM LEIGHTON	Aberdeen	23	0
	Defence			
2	DANNY McGRAIN	Celtic	32	61
3	FRANK GRAY	Leeds	27	22
5	ALAN HANSEN	Liverpool	27	14
6	WILLIE MILLER	Aberdeen	27	17
13	ALEX McLEISH	Aberdeen	23	15
14	DAVID NAREY	Dundee Utd	25	13
17	ALLAN EVANS	Aston Villa	25	3
21	GEORGE BURLEY	Ipswich	25	11
	Midfield			
4	GRAEME SOUNESS	Liverpool	28	24
7	GORDON STRACHAN	Aberdeen	25	10
10	JOHN WARK	Ipswich	24	15
16	ASA HARTFORD	Man City/?Chelsea	31	49
	Attack			
8	KENNY DALGLISH	Liverpool	31	86
9	ALAN BRAZIL	Ipswich	22	7
11	JOHN ROBERTSON	Nottm Forest	29	21
15	JOE JORDAN	AC Milan	30	51
18	STEVE ARCHIBALD	Tottenham	25	14
19	PAUL STURROCK	Dundee Utd	25	7
20	DAVIE PROVAN	Celtic	26	9

Manager:
JOCK STEIN. 59. October 1978. 33-13-6-14-35-39.

SOVIET UNION

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	RENAT DASSAYEV	Spartak Moscow	24	21
16	VIKTOR CHANOV	Dynamo Kiev	23	2
22	VYACHESLAV CHANOV	Torpedo Moscow	25	0
	Defence			
2	TENGIZ SULAKVELIDZE	Tbilisi Dynamo	26	21
3	ALEXANDER CHIVADZE	Tbilisi	27	18
18	YURI SUSLOPAROV	Torpedo	24	6
14	SERGEI BOROVSKY	Dynamo Minsk	26	6
5	SERGEI BALTACHA	Kiev	24	12
6	ANATOLY DEMYANENKO	Kiev	23	7
4	VAGIZ KHIDIATULIN	TSKA Moscow	22	23
20	OLEG ROMANTSEV	Spartak	29	12
	Midfield			
12	ANDREI BAL	Kiev	24	3
8	VLADIMIR BESSONOV	Kiev	24	25
17	LEONID BURYAK	Kiev	29	39
13	VITALY DARASELIA	Tbilisi	25	6
10	KHOREN OGANESSIAN	Ararat Erevan	27	15
	Attack			
9	YURI GAVRILOV	Spartak	29	21
21	SERGEI RODIONOV	Spartak	26	0
7	RAMAS SHENGELIA	Tbilisi	24	16
11	OLEG BLOKHIN	Kiev	30	53
19	VADIM YEVTUSHENKO	Kiev	24	2
15	SERGEI ANDREYEV	SKA Rostov-on-Don	26	15

Manager:
KONSTANTIN BESKOV. 61. 1979 (second spell). 25-16-7-2-52-18.

SPAIN

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	Luis Maria ARCONADA	Real Sociedad	27	39
21	URRUTI (Javier Urruticoechea)	Barcelona	30	5
22	MIGUEL ANGEL (Gonzalez)	Real Madrid	34	18
	Defence			
2	Jose Antonio CAMACHO	Real Madrid	27	29
12	Santiago URQUIAGA	Bilbao	24	2
5	Miguel TENDILLO	Valencia	21	21
13	Manuel JIMENEZ	Gijon	25	7
14	Antonio MACEDA	Gijon	25	2
3	Rafael GORDILLO	Betis Seville	25	29
6	Jose Ramon ALESANCO*	Barcelona	26	29
	Midfield			
4	Miguel ALONSO	Real Sociedad/Barcelona	29	15
10	Jesus Maria ZAMORA	Real Sociedad	27	26
8	JOAQUIN (Alonso)	Gijon	26	12
17	Ricardo GALLEGO	Real Madrid	24	3
16	Jose Vicente SANCHEZ	Barcelona	25	7
15	Enrique SAURA	Valencia	27	18
18	Pedro URALDE	Real Sociedad	24	1
	Attack			
7	JUANITO (Juan Gomez)	Real Madrid	27	30
9	Jesus Maria SATRUSTEGUI	Real Sociedad	28	28
11	Roberto LOPEZ UFARTE	Real Sociedad	24	10
19	SANTILLANA (Carlos Alonso)	Real Madrid	29	32
20	QUINI (Enrique Castro)	Barcelona	32	32

Manager:
JOSE SANTAMARIA. 52. August 1980. 19-8-6-5-26-19. (Uruguayan)

WEST GERMANY

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	HARALD SCHUMACHER	Köln	28	25
22	EIKE IMMEL	Borussia Dortmund	21	4
21	BERND FRANKE	Eintracht Braunschweig	34	7
	Defence			
20	MANFRED KALTZ	Hamburg	29	59
5	BERND FÖRSTER	Stuttgart	26	15
4	KARLHEINZ FÖRSTER	Stuttgart	23	35
15	ULI STIELIKE	Real Madrid, Spain	27	23
12	WILFRIED HANNES	Borussia Mg	25	7
2	HANS-PETER BRIEGEL	Keiserslautern	26	27
19	HOLGER HIERONYMUS*	Hamburg	23	2
	Midfield			
6	WOLFGANG DREMMLER	Bayern Munich	27	11
18	LOTHAR MATTHÄUS	Borussia Mg	21	7
3	PUAL BREITNER	Bayern Munich	30	41
14	FELIX MAGATH	Hamburg	28	20
10	HANSI MÜLLER	Stuttgart/Internazionale	24	34
17	STEFAN ENGELS*	Köln	21	3
	Attack			
11	KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE	Bayern Munich	26	52
9	HORST HRUBESCH	Hamburg	31	16
8	KLAUS FISCHER	Köln	32	39
7	PIERRE LITTBARSKI	Köln	22	7
13	UWE REINDERS	Werder Bremen	27	1
16	THOMAS ALLOFS*	Fortuna Düsseldorf	22	0

* These three players to remain at home on standby.

Manager:
JUPP DERWALL. 55. August 1978. 39-29-6-4-101-34.

YUGOSLAVIA

	Goal	Club	Age	Caps
1	DRAGAN PANTELIC	Bordeaux	30	15
12	IVAN PUDAR	Hajduk Split	21	0
22	RATKO SVILAR	Antwerp, Belgium	32	3
	Defence			
2	IVAN JEROLIMOV	Rijeka	24	5
4	VELIMIR ZAJEC	Dynamo Zagreb	26	18
5	NENAD STOJKOVIC	Partizan Belgrade	26	19
6	ZLATKO KRMPOTIC	Red Star Belgrade	23	5
9	ZORAN VUJOVIC	Hajduk Split	23	11
10	ZVONKO ZIVKOVIC	Partizan Belgrade	24	0
14	NIKOLA JOVANOVIC	Buducnost Titograd/ Montreal	29	3
15	MILOS HRSTIC	Rijeka	26	9
	Midfield			
3	IVAN GUDELJ	Hajduk Split	21	5
7	VLADIMIR PETROVIC	Red Star/Arsenal	26	30
8	EDHEM SLIJVO	Nice	32	9
17	JURICA JERKOVIC	FC Zurich, Switzerland	32	43
	Attack			
11	ZLATKO VUJOVIC	Hajduk Split	23	16
13	SAFET SUSIC	Sarajevo/Paris Saint-Germain	26	10
16	MILOS SESTIC	Red Star Belgrade	25	8
18	STEJEPAN DEVERIC	Dynamo Zagreb	23	0
19	VAHID HALILHODZIC	Nantes, France	29	12
20	IVICA SURJAK	Paris SG/Udinese	29	51
21	PREDRAG PASIC	Sarajevo	23	5

Manager:
MILJAN MILJANIC. 51. August 1978. 19-16-0-3-50-18.

LESLIE VERNON looks back over the 1981-82 season

THE European Cup has been crying out for a classic Final match, like the proverbial starving man begging for a slice of bread. The last four 1-0 matches were dull affairs, not worthy of the great traditions of this glittering competition.

This latest edition between Aston Villa and Bayern Munich also ended in a 1-0 scoreline, but I certainly enjoyed the proceedings more than I did any other Final since that glorious Liverpool v. Moenchengladbach crescendo in Rome in 1977.

There was a clash of styles between the teams at Rotterdam which was interesting, both sides tried to attack most of the time, which was refreshing, and there were a fair number of goalmouth incidents.

Villa's eventual victory might have been slightly lucky, but it can't be denied that their way to the Final was a difficult one on paper — they had to beat Dynamo Berlin, Dynamo Kiev and Anderlecht.

Now we have a record of six successive English victories in Europe's top club competition, achieved by three different teams. There must be an explanation behind this unprecedented run of triumphs, apart from the bland and fashionable assertion that the English League is the strongest in the world.

Ron Atkinson said on television that Villa's victory was due to guts and other typically British characteristics. I would agree with "the guts" and add determination, commitment and organization to it. I would also question the Continentals' overpraised, superior technique.

Control

Apart from a few honourable exceptions, their ball control and passing are no better than that of the average English professional player. The truth is — and sadly I am obliged to say this every year — that there is no outstanding team in Europe at the moment.

Where are Real Madrid of the Di Stefano-Puskas era, Helenio Herrera's Inter-Milan, Benfica, led by Eusebio, or the Ajax side, with Johan Cruyff at his peak? When these giants dominated the European Cup, it was a colourful, exciting tournament, and several of the Finals were the worthy show-pieces of the entire year.

Nowadays, we have to be satisfied with the pedestrian football of the eighties, and it would be foolish and unfair to blame the English winners for the decline. They simply perfected an efficient style of football while the others deteriorated.

During the Aston Villa v Bayern Final, there were two notable moments. Rummenigge's overhead shot and Morley's run before the goal. But the W. German missed the goal, and Withe was criminally unmarked when he scored.

Perhaps Liverpool are the best of a mediocre bunch, but they went out of the competition at Sofia against CSKA, where a goalkeeping error and a strange refereeing decision cost them the match.

Celtic lost to Juventus in the first round, but then the Italians were surprisingly beaten by Anderlecht on a 4-2 aggregate. Perhaps they will do better next season with Platini and Boniek in their line-up.

Forecast

But overall, it is a depressing picture. It is impossible to forecast that in the near future, there will be a good enough club side on the Continent to combat the powerful Liverpool machine or the well-organised Aston Villa.

The Cup Winners Cup was ruined the moment UEFA decided to stage the Final in Barcelona, on the home ground of one of the participants. This decision gave Barcelona an immense advantage and an incentive which they were unable to overlook.

Hence their unspeakable behaviour in the semi-final first leg at Tottenham. The Spaniards knew that following the match at White Hart Lane, they only had to win two home fixtures and the trophy would be theirs. This knowledge made them play anti-football of the worst kind, it is impossible to exaggerate their villainy.

They simply chopped down the Tottenham player with the ball, they made only feeble efforts to score, and they really made me feel ashamed for internaional club football. As luck would have it, Olmo's long shot deceived Clemence, and under the benevolent eye of a weak referee they were one goal ahead.

Spurs equalised through Roberts, but went out of the competition through a Simonsen goal in Spain. This Danish footballer must be exempted from any blame, he was the one player who was trying to play football at Tottenham.

In the Final, Barcelona were slightly more disciplined, and a Quini goal gave them the Cup against the above-average Standard Liege side. I felt sorry for the Belgians, they were fighting against impossible odds — in future, UEFA must not schedule a Final on the ground of a participating team.

It makes nonsense of the "one-match-on-a-neutral ground" principle. If they are worried about the box-office takings, they should make the Final of the Cup Winners Cup a two-legged home and away affair.

Previously, Spurs registered good results against a young Ajax side (6-1!), Dundalk and Eintracht Frankfurt. Rangers, like Celtic, also lost in the first round, against Dukla Prague.

Aston Villa line-up before the European Cup Final in Rotterdam. Back row (l-r): Peter Withe, Andy Blair, Nigel Spink, Pat Heard, Gary Shaw, Ken McNaught, Allan Evans, Dennis Mortimer, Jimmy Rimmer. Front row: David Geddis, Colin Gibson, Gordon Cowans, Gary Williams, Tony Morley, Des Bremner and Ken Swain.

No classic but Aston Villa won on merit

The UEFA-Cup competition was like a breath of fresh air, and the eventual victory of Goteborg, a marvellous achievement. This under-rated Swedish club was the first from that Scandinavian country to win a European trophy, and they did it without losing a single match. In the last three rounds they beat Valencia, Kaiserslautern and Hamburg against expectations, and before the second leg of the Final, the W. Germans were certain of victory.

After all, they only lost 1-0 in Sweden, and they thought that they would be able to equalise early on in the match. But little Goteborg were not to be denied, they played excellent football and beat Hamburg 3-0 in W. Germany — quite sensational.

Earlier in the competition, Dundee United wrote the headlines with a 5-2 away win at Monaco and 5-0 triumphs agains Moenchengladbach and Winterslag.

Finally — rather an anti-climax this — they lost against Radnickinis in the quarter-finals. The English teams didn't cover themselves with glory, Ipswich went out against Aberdeen, Southampton lost at home to Sporting Lisbon, Arsenal couldn't beat Winterslag and West Bromwich suffered a double defeat against Grasshoppers.

The final verdict must be that it was another average year in Europe, with the Champion's Cup still waiting for the Messiah, the Cup Winners tournament a slur on the game, and the UEFA-Cup a really good, interesting competition.

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could only wonder about the rest of the tournament. When Italy and Poland produced their goalless draw in Vigo the next afternoon it was easy to worry about the quality on the way. But Brazil's thrilling defeat of the Russians that night in Seville soon washed away much of the pessimism.

Whatever the quality of the football, the World Cup is guaranteed to produce drama of one sort or another though I can't remember a recent tournament which saw so many players going down injured before the ball had been kicked in anger.

While Belgium replaced Rene Vandereycken and Brazil sent Careca home, there were plenty of other casualties around. Austria worried about Jara, Russia came without Kipiani, England fretted over Brooking and Keegan, while the Czechs sent defender Jakubec home with a mystery illness.

Probably nothing more serious than "Spanish tummy."

IFK Gothenburg shock team of the year

by Keir Radnedge

THE SHOCK team of the European season — that's IFK Gothenburg, who collected the UEFA Cup quite comfortably in the end against a demoralised and depressed Hamburg.

IFK were only the second Swedish team ever to reach a European final and the first to win one with a success which surprised even the Swedish fans as much as it delighted them.

Yet the ironic truth is that the player who did more than any other to win the UEFA Cup — Torbjorn Nilsson — will be playing next season in West Germany.

Nilsson, a 27-year-old with 21 caps, had joined IFK back in 1975 and made an immediate impact on signing from Jonsered. He scored on his international debut against Finland and was signed by Holland's PSV Eindhoven in 1977.

They thought that he would be an instant hit alongside fellow countryman Ralf Edstroem, but Nilsson grew homesick and remained only 18 months before returning to IFK.

He proved a late developer. After playing in the 1978 World Cup finals he gained in confidence. Last season he was top domestic scorer in Sweden with 20 goals, and this past season he finished as top scorer in the UEFA Cup with nine goals.

His brilliant form brought him to Liverpool for a trial in the spring, but it's to Kaiserslautern — who IFK beat in the semi-finals — that he will go in August.

Nilsson is adamant that he will not play again for the Swedish national team, so he's happy with the prospect of moving . . . just as IFK are confident of proving, after collecting the Swedish cup to add to the UEFA prize, that there is more to the set-up than Torbjorn Nilsson.

IFK are the club with the biggest following in Sweden. The initials stand for Idrottsforeningen Kamraterna, but the team are nicknamed the Angels by their fans. They have competed in 49 of the 57 first division seasons completed since 1924 and, even before then, took three titles in 1908, 1910 and 1918 when the city of Gothenburg dominated the game in Sweden.

Founded in 1904, IFK have won the first division crown on four occasions — the last in 1969 — and the cup twice — the first time thanks to a 6-1 thrashing of Atvidaberg when IFK reached the final for the first time in 1979.

IKF draw the biggest crowds in Sweden, around an average of 13,000 for home games in a country where attendances have slumped so badly that the league is being reorganised this year to try to promote new interest.

They have a reputation for playing entertaining if erratic football. For example, after winning the league in 1969 they were immediately relegated and it took them six years to return to the top flight.

Once they had returned IFK invested heavily in experience. Ove Kindvall, Bjorn Nordqvist, Edstroem and Nilsson were all brought back from professional football in Holland. Kindvall, scorer of the winning goal for Feyenoord against Celtic in the 1970 European Cup final in Milan, has now progressed to general manager and his drive is as much evident off the field as it was on.

Coach is Sven-Goran Ericsson. Aged 36, he arrived from Dererfors in 1979 and immediately guided IFK to the Cup win. However, his methods didn't please all the fans. He decided that IFK's football was too entertaining for their own good — and while he didn't sink to the boring, safety-first methods employed with huge domestic success by Bob Houghton at Malmo, he tightened up the team's tactical awareness. The results have been successful enough: IFK reached the Cup-winners' quarter finals in 1980 and have now become only the first Swedish club to win a European crown.

Great players such as Gunnar Gren — a star with Milan in the 1950s and member of Sweden's 1958 World Cup runners-up team — appeared for IFK in the past. Gunnar Andersson left IFK to become a leading scorer in the French league with Marseille at around the same time. In the 1960s the fans' hero was scheming inside forward Bertil Johansson.

THE PLAYERS

THOMAS WERNERSSON. Goalkeeper. Aged 27/6 caps for Sweden. Signed for IFK just over a year ago. His international chances have been restricted by a string of typically fine Swedish goalkeepers — Hellström Möller, and Tomas Ravelli.

ODD LINDBERG. Goalkeeper. Aged 33. A Norwegian, but who has never played for his country. Joined IFK in 1979 from Orebro to help out in an injury crisis . . . and stayed on.

RUBEN SVENSSON. Right back. 28/0. A major signing from BK Derby in 1978. An adventurous full back who is better attacking than defending.

GLENN HYSEN. Stopper. 26/7. Joined IFK from minor neighbours Warta in 1978. Forced the experienced Reine Almqvist out of the side and has been a regular since 1979. Won 17 youth caps. Ironically, Hysen once had a trial with Hamburg!

CONNY KARLSSON. Stopper. 28/3. The other stopper in IFK's orthodox Swedish straight-line back four. Joined from IFK Oskarshamn in 1975. Twin brother of midfielder Jerry. Won four youth caps.

STIG FREDRIKSSON. Left back. 26/15. Regular choice for the national team. Joined IFK in 1980.

GLENN SCHILLER. Utility defender or midfield. 22/0. One of IFK's own discoveries. Two under-21 caps.

TORD HOLMGREN. Midfield. 24/12. One of the pillars of the side. Scored the winner against Hamburg three minutes from the end of the first leg of the final. Joined IFK with brother Tommy from Gällivare inside the polar circle. Became the most northerly-born player capped by Sweden when he made his debut for the senior national team against Hong Kong and Malaysia on a Far East tour in the autumn of 1979.

JERRY KARLSSON. Midfield. 28/0. Twin brother of defender Conny. Both joined IFK together from IFK Oskarshamn in 1975. Two under-21 caps.

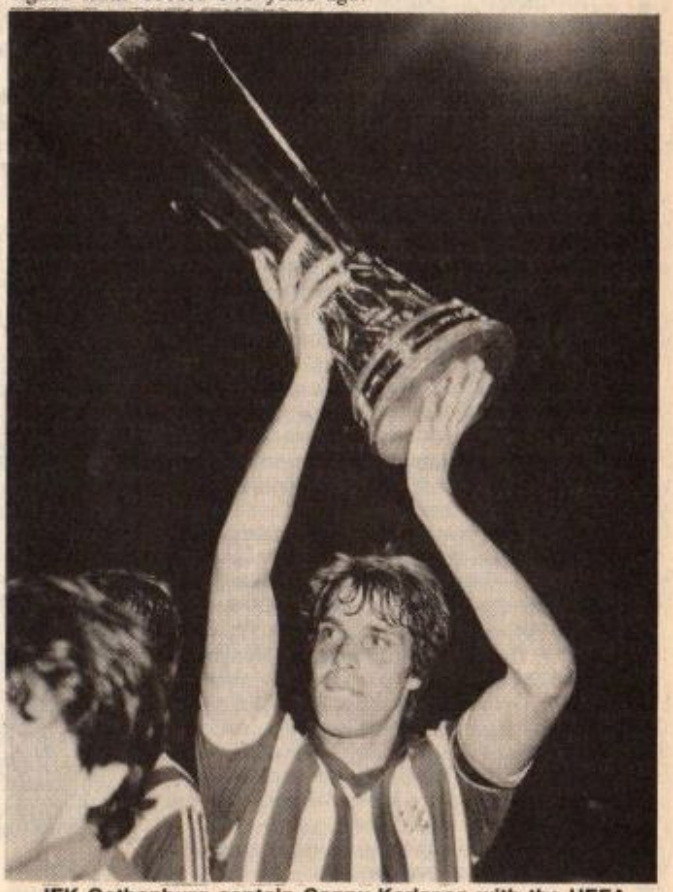
GLENN STROEMBERG. Midfield. 21/0. Under-21 international. Another IFK product.

GLENN HOLM. Midfield. 24/0. Another big buy, from Orebro in 1977. Usually a left-sided midfielder but has also played full back. Penalty-taker sometimes. Four under-21 caps. Has a reputation for being moody.

DAN CORNELIUSSON. Attack. 19/0. Under-21 international. One of IFK's most promising young players. 17 times a youth international. His development was upset by injuries two years ago.

TOMMY HOLMGREN. Attack. 23/4. Brother of midfielder Tord. IFK hit a setback in the first leg against Hamburg when he was injured early on. Under-21 international.

HAAKAN SANDBERG. Attack. 23/0. Youth international — signed from Orebro two years ago.



IFK Gothenburg captain Conny Karlsson with the UEFA Cup.

WORLD CUP

compiled by Keir Ra

THE World Cup numbers game has had more than a few fans confused.

The fact is this: countries can number their players from one to 22 in whichever manner they want. But generally FIFA wanted — in vain — for goalkeepers to be designated with the numbers one, 13 and 22.

It would surely be easier if teams were encouraged to number their squads in orthodox fashion, with the reserves from 12 onwards.

Some managers consider this might give opponents an unfair advantage in discovering their team line up, however. So we have hade two basic systems at work: the orthodox numbering, and the alphabetical (with odd exceptions for goalkeepers or because of superstitions).

Alphabetical order was the favourite with Italy, Argentina and England only. Most of the rest based their numbers on the likely line-up.

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WHEN Bryan Robson rattled home the fastest goal in World Cup history after 27 seconds against France, confusion arose over the previous fastest.

Generally it is accepted as having been Bernard Lacombe's goal for France against Italy in 1978.

And his time? Seiko, who have been running the Fastest Goal Award again, insist that it was 39 seconds. They should know.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA were the last of the finalists to complete their warm-up programme, with a 5-1 defeat of Italian side Ascoli.

Scorers were Kriz, Vizek, Kukucka, Chaloupka, Janecka and, for Ascoli, Pircher.

Pity for the Czechs that when it came to the real thing all that fire power was extinguished.

Or did they think that Kuwait, England and France would prove no better than Ascoli?

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BELGIUM'S Walter Meeuws is a glutton for punishment.

The Standard Liege centre-back missed the opening match because of suspension, and while on the way to Spain learned that UEFA have suspended him from five European club games because of his expulsion in the last minute of the Cup-winners' Cup Final in — and against — Barcelona.

For the ill-tempered succession of incidents in that game Barcelona have been fined £1,750 and Standard £850.

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SPONSORSHIP is a major theme of this World Cup, so it was an appropriate time for Liverpool to announce that they will be backed to the tune of £500,000 over the next three years by Crown Paints.

They fill the void left by the Football League's first-ever shirt-ad sponsors, Hitachi.

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ENGLISH journalists who hadn't bothered to swot up a few words of Spanish did not find the World Cup easy.

For an example of the abysmal standard of translation service available to the travelling circus, take a look at this official new release on Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's views of the early stages of the finals:

"After Derwall's statements, Rummenigge had not any objection to answer some questions raised by a great number of journalists.

Rummenigge stated that his team was waiting at least 2 triumph to play the second phase of the World Cup; on the contrary it would be for the first time that the West Germany national team could not play the final phase.

Why did your way of playing and also the World Cup stars disappoint?

The World Cup Stars will be born at the same time as the championship develops, stated the german forward, who answered another question referring to his own team — if his team was selfconfident before Argelia; he answered: I work out all the possibilities except that they were able to score a goal.

Concerning his injury extent, Rummenigge stated that he waited to be in good fit next Sunday despite I was not training at the same rate of my fellows, at the moment.

What is the atmosphere in your team? — a reporter asked. There is optimism among us although we are very impressed because of our defeat."

Well at least it's fun . . . if hardly informative!

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SCOTLAND'S low-key approach to the first round of the World Cup finals took most of the locals, fans and the rest by surprise.

Manager Jock Stein imposed a virtual news black-out on their camp with everyone kept at a distance. The Spanish press attempted to whip up stories of discontent in the camp between various factions (the Liverpool men, the other Anglos, and the Scottish-based players) but that was more out of news desperation than anything else.

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NEWS desperation set in around the England camp too with all the Keegan scare stories.

Manager Ron Greenwood blew his top at reports that this back injury would see Keegan sent home and, in fact, before the end of the first round the Southampton star was back in training.

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ENGLAND'S flag for the opening ceremony, the Cross of St George, caused some ill-informed comment in Spain.

The general opinion was that the intention had been to escape a lot of jeering in the Barcelona stadium by abandoning the Union Jack. The fact that Scotland and Northern Ireland used their own national flags as well was ignored.

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DID you notice that, during the part of the Opening Ceremony which honoured past World Cup winners, England and Argentina walked out side by side?

The intention was to show that sport is above politics but you would hardly have known that from the pro-Argentine flags and banners in Barcelona and the pro-British chanting in Bilbao, Malaga and Zaragoza.

Incidentally, the former world champions who represented their nations in Barcelona were Alcides Ghiggia (Uruguay), Giovanni Ferrari (Italy), Franz Beckenbauer (West Germany), Luiz Bellini (Brazil), Bobby Charlton (England) and Omar Larrosa (Argentina).

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AN official denial from the authorities in Valladolid put an end to one of the more colourful World Cup rumours; that the camel which accompanied Kuwait had been officially accredited to the finals.

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ONE Czech fan who cycled all the way from Brno to attend the finals tried to pass himself off as the father of the Zbrojovka Brno striker, Petr Janecka.

All went well until he was introduced to Josef Venglos . . . who happened to know the player's real father.

Venglos has had more serious problems with his team, of course. Czech officials still insist that the manager will continue in charge until the end of the 1984 European championship, but such statements of faith are notoriously unreliable.

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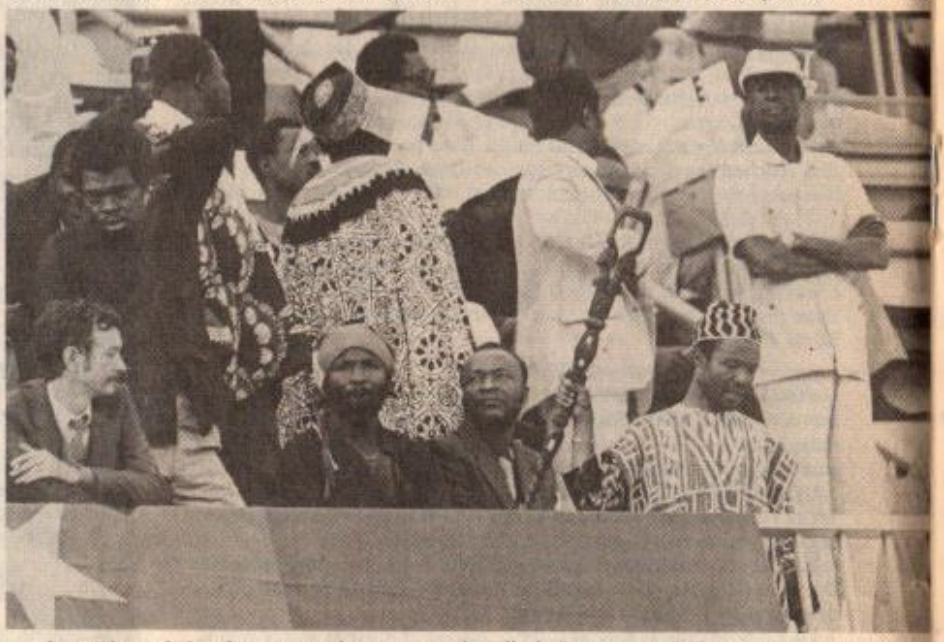
BERND SCHUSTER has never been renowned as a particularly close friend or supporter of Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Paul Breitner.

So it was hardly surprising when, after the



A section of the Cameroon fans, some in tribal dress, watch the match against Poland.

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Germans' defeat at the hands of Algeria, he should have commented: "Too many of our players are more concerned with making money on the side, than playing football."

Schuster of course missed the World Cup because of his knee injury . . . not because of his original threat to stay away if Breitner and Rummenigge continued to play.

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THE referees are not happy.

They expected to be based on some quiet estate just out of Madrid, handy for the airport but with plenty of space to carry on their own training programmes in peace. Instead of which they were put in one of the city's busiest hotels right next to the railway station at Chamartin.

Not that this explains some of the refereeing. All Spain rocked with laughter about Lamo Castillo's performance in the Brazil-Russia game, and who on earth decided that a Costa Rican should referee Brazil-Scotland, with Adolf Prokop of East Germany, one of Europe's best, on the line?

Not that Eastern Europe's referees came out of the first round unscathed. The monumental folly of the Russian, Miroslav Stupar, in bowing to Kuwait's disgraceful protests during the France match, should earn him a rapid demotion from the FIFA list.

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TRANSFERS were being sported out even as the World Cup continued.

Internazionale transferred Austrian midfield general Herbert Prohaska to Roma and Strasbourg signed the Czechoslovak midfielder or sweeper, Premysl Bicovsky.

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NARANJITO, the World Cup mascot, has been with us for three years on T-shirts, key-rings, footballs, drink cans, scrapbooks and everything else you can think of.

The big companies have used the little orange to make a lot of money.

But the two Seville publicity agents who dreamed him up — Josa Maria Martin and Maria Dolores Salto — are now out of work and haven't even been able to get tickets to see any of the matches.

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CROWDS for the early stages of the first round were down compared with Argentina four years ago.

Some 368,000 watched the first 12 matches, compared with 399,891 in Argentina. The average attendance to this stage was thus 30,666 — but it must be born in mind that, apart from Barcelona for the Opening Match, Spain had yet to use its major-capacity stadia.

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LITTLE wonder El Salvador were given the runaround by Hungary in their first match.

Their daily routine included a start so early training began at 7.30 in the morning. The 10-1 defeat was the highest score ever in the World Cup finals.

The two previous biggest victories were 9-0 — by Hungary against Korea in 1954 and by Yugoslavia against Zaire in 1974.

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A change of regime for the Brazilians.

In previous World Cups the players have been shut up together. This time the wives and families have been allowed in. Proof was to be found in the Brazilian camp near Seville after the defeat of Scotland, with the families of Zico and Socrates splashing about in the swimming pool.

England trainer Don Howe enjoys a joke with Graham Rix.

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EDHEM SLIJVO, the Nice and Yugoslavia midfielder, says he has played in many international competitions, but never has he known an organisation such as Spain '82. You can take that two ways . . .

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SPANISH football democracy was much in evidence in Bilbao, as the local Athletic Club's presidential elections reached a climax during the first fortnight of the World Cup.

New president is Pedro Aurteneche who polled 4,300 votes from members against the 3,007 for his rival, Ignacio Olascoago. Not that such democracy excites the Spanish fans; some 24,246 Bilbao members were entitled to vote.

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THE case for a rapid expansion in the market for video recorders was demonstrated by an incident in West Germany.

The husband wanted to watch the Opening Match, the wife wanted to watch a film, ironically For Whom the Bell Tolls. It tolled for the wife: husband threw her out of the window.

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PERU brought their own priest with them.

Father Miguel Echarri was delighted. Born in Spain, in Pamplona, 79 years ago, this was the first time he had been back in 54 years.

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PERU forward Julio Cesar Uribe claims to be the most tightly-marked man in the World Cup. "Not even Zico or Maradona have had to put up with the pressure I've had," he says.

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WHEN Carlos Caszely missed his penalty against Austria the shock proved too much for a mechanic in Antofagusta, and an 86-year-old widower in Santiago.

Luis Humberto and Plaza Godoy both died of heart attacks.

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HUNGARY made a special plea to FIFA that the bookings of Laszlo Fazekas and Tibor Nyilasi — for grabbing drinks of water during the game against El Salvador — should be rescinded. In vain.

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TWO of the outstanding goalkeepers of the World Cup proved to be the Kuwaiti, Ahmed Al-Tarabulsi, and Thomas Nkono of Cameroon. Al-Tarabulsi made his international debut 11 years ago and first began to build an international reputation during the Moscow Olympics. Al-Tarabulsi wasn't happy with Kuwait's first game against Czechoslovakia — "because the Czechs didn't give me enough work to do."

Nkono, African Footballer of the Year in 1979, thinks his displays in Spain may earn him a transfer to Europe. Certainly his handling was sharp and his reflexes good. Whether he could adapt to the weather and the discipline is another matter.

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FIFA'S policy of choosing World Cup host nations six years in advance could backfire.

After all, Spain had 16 years to get ready and many of their stadia still looking like builder's yards the day before the first matches, with painters desperately slapping on colour inside the offices.

Already Hermann Neuberger, president of FIFA's World Cup organising committee, has expressed his doubts about Colombia for 1986.

Then where for 1990? Applications are already in from Italy, Yugolsavia, Holland-Belgium and the Soviet Union. The Russians must be favourites. They have most recent experience of a major sporting event with the Olympics in 1980. It's hard to imagine Yugoslavia preparing the infrastructure necessary to cope with a 24-team World Cup, and currency complications must rule out the joint Holland-Belgium approach.

Italy? They staged the finals in 1934 and no one has been allowed a second bite at the cherry yet.

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SCOTTISH referee Bob Valentine is the fittest official at the finals.

The Cooper tests, used on the American astronauts to determine their physical state, left Valentine — a 43-year-old from Dundee — way ahead of the rest of the refereeing field.

Bayern and Hamburg European Finals and r

by Arthur Rotmil

BAYERN MUNICH and Hamburg SV lost their European finals in the Champions' Cup and the UEFA-Cup respectively, but both clubs will be in European tournaments again next season. Bayern won the DFB-Cup, whilst Hamburg clinched their second Bundesliga title and the fifth national championship overall.

1.FC Köln (Cologne), Kaiserslautern, Werder Bremen and Borussia Dortmund have secured places in the UEFA-Cup, Relegated are MSV Duisburg and Darmstadt, while third-from-bottom Bayer Leverkusen will have to play off against the third club in the Second Division, Kickers Offenbach, to decide whether they stay up, or Offenbach gain promotion. Schalke and Hertha Berlin have already made sure of going up.

Gates have been down — the worst in fact since the 1973-74 season with 6.4 million watching the 306 games, as against 6.8 million eight years ago. The average attendance was 21,500 and the League reports an overall deficit of £750,000.

Eleven clubs, that means two-thirds, registered gates below those they had hoped to budget for. The biggest losers were VfB Stuttgart who expected an average crowd of 35,000 but only registered 26,600. When one recalls that upon their promotion 1977-78 Stuttgart recorded average gates of 52,000 . . .

But Dortmund, Hamburg, Duisburg, Leverkusen and Düsseldorf are also hit. It is clear that firstly admission prices will have to be revised, secondly the less attractive matches must be taken into account when making a budget.

The slump is mostly due to the economic situation. Nearly six per cent unemployment, rising cost of living and higher rate of inflation are undoubtedly contributory factors. Most clubs will have to economise and certainly postpone the planned increases in admission prices.

Hamburg became champions without putting up wholly convincing performances. The UEFA-Cup final was a disaster. After disposing of the surprise team of the competition, Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) on a 6-3 aggregate, the "Hanseats" travelled confidently to meet the Swedish part-timers 1. FK Gothenburg in the two-legged final.

Hamburg played defensively losing 0-1 and boasted — "the real final will be on our ground". But they suffered one of the most humiliating home defeats in the club's history going down by 0-3. The capacity crowd of 61,500 at the Volksparkstadion could not believe their eyes, as the much vaunted and overpaid *Bundesliga* stars were made to look foolish by the semi-amateurs from Sweden, who had never been in a final before.

Poor old Franz Beckenbauer, who sat on the subs bench ready to step in if the going was good, in anticipation of winning the only trophy which has eluded him, wasn't called upon to suffer the indignity of defeat. Beckenbauer is the only player in the world who has really won everything — by comparison with his former team mates Gerd Müller and Sepp Maier, who also got his German tally, Beckenbauer was also US-champion with New York Cosmos. But he will never win the UEFA-Cup . . .

There will be changes in personnel at Hamburg next season. Beckenbauer has of course retired, the long serving Caspar Memering is joining the French First Division club Bordeaux. The club have engaged Alan Hansen, Denmark's leading scorer and "Footballer of the Year".

The Second Division's leading striker Dieter Schatzschneider (24) who has averaged a goal a match with Hanover, has also signed for Hamburg but he will remain on loan with his club for another season. Then, when Hamburg's international striker Horst Hrubesch retires, or moves on, Schatzschneider will take his place.

Bayern felt they had most of the play and the far better chances against Aston Villa, yet lost the European Cup final. This was the first time that Bayern has lost a final of any competition — they had won all previous eleven.

The players were bitterly disappointed, not least because they let a win bonus of £10,000 a man slip from their grasp. But they clearly fell to the "hoodoo", for in 38 European ties between German and English clubs, the Germans won only 12.

There will also be several changes among personnel in Munich; before the final Bertram Beierlorzer (24) who sustained a torn achilles tendon in the DFB-Cup final v. Nürnberg, was put out of action till the end of the season. But he will not remain with Bayern for long.

The allrounder Kurt Niedermayer (26) and the Icelandic international midfielder Asgeir Sigurvinsson (27) have been sold to VfB Stuttgart. Sigurvinsson who came from Standard Liege has been unable to command a regular place; these players have fetched £500,000. In addition, Hans Weiner the sweeper, has been transferred to Chicago Stings who paid £250,000.

Bayern used the money to strengthen their defence. After failing to get Eike Immel from Dortmund and having given up on Austria's No. 3 Klaus Lindenberger (he had a stinker when watched by Csernai and Hoeness), the club signed the Belgian national goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff from SK Beveren for £200,000.

They will have to watch his temperament, for Pfaff was last season suspended after allegedly hitting a linesman after a league match in Belgium. Bayern also engaged 26-year-old Wolfgang Grobe a utility player from Eintracht Brunswick for £250,000.

VfB Stuttgart who parted with Hansi Müller (to Inter-Milan) have also transferred the former international centre forward Dieter Müller to Bordeaux. Next to Niedermayer and Sigurvinsson, VfB also paid an undisclosed fee for the 'Under-21' international Thomas Kempe from Duisburg. He was valued at £200,000. It seems that Stuttgart's new team boss Helmut Benthaus has instigated their clear out in order to build a new team.

Cologne have fined their internationals Pierre Littbarski and Klaus Fischer £500 each for criticising the Dutch team manager Rinus Michels. The two complained that Michels' training methods are "boring and too hard". The club's former international Rainer Bonhof was also fined for criticising the club's directors. The club's last summer's buy, the Swiss national team captain René Botteron who was loaned to Standard Liege, is still looking for another club. He was said to be negotiating with Arminia Bielefeld and 1.FC Nürnberg. His fee was set at £200,000.

Kaiserslautern are delighted to have landed the Swedish striker Torbjörn Nilsson who made such a furore in the UEFA-Cup which his club Gothenburg so surprisingly won. Kaiserslautern are also interested in the Czech striker Zdenek Nehoda (Dukla Prague) nearly 30, who has played a record 86

UEFA Cup Final action as Hamburg's Felix Magath shoots before IFK Gothenburg's Torbjohn Nilsson can tackle.

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times for his country. But Nürnberg too, have made inquiries.

Schalke, still the most popular German club, regained First Division status and are eager to strengthen their ranks with two recently defected Polish players. Wenanty Ful and Roman Geschlecht, who played for the Polish 'Under-21' team in London against England, staged a deliberate "crime" to gain admission into West Germany.

They let themselves be caught in Selfridges' store "stealing" tooth paste, soap and sun glasses. Thus they missed the 'plane back to Warsaw carrying the rest of the squad.

They then sought political asylum, but asked to be shipped to Germany. It transpired that the whole affair was stage-managed by Schalke's Polish player Joachim Wieczorek, who wants his two compatriots (he played with Ful in a junior team in Bytom) to join the famous West German club.

The Football Federation (DFB) has introduced a transfer system which is unique in Europe.

As from January 1, 1983, there will be a different scale of fees for the richer clubs as opposed to the poorer ones. When two clubs cannot agree on a transfer fee, then the league's tribunal will assess the value of the player in accordance with the financial status of the club wanting to sign him.

A club whose income is in the higher bracket, will pay more for the same player, than would a club whose gate receipts and net earnings are in the lower category. Experts have worked out, that a player who would cost a top club, say £300,000, would cost the poorer club only half that amount.

Managerial changes: Helmut Senekowitsch (44) who took the Austrian national side to the 1978 World Cup finals, but resigned soon after the tournament ended, following differences with the F.A. president Karl Sekanina, is taking over Eintracht Frankfurt.

The Austrian has lately been in charge of various clubs in Mexico, Spain and Greece with mixed success. But he should bring some much needed stability to the erratic Eintracht team. Senekowitsch is pleased that his compatriot, the brilliant sweeper Bruno Pezzey is staying on for at least another year.

Frankfurt's present team boss Lothar Buchmann is taking over at neighbouring Kickers Offenbach; Manfred Krafft (44) has taken charge of Darmstadt in March, but failed to save them from relegation. He succeeds Werner Olk and this is his fourth Bundesliga club. Horst Köppel, former striker with Borussia Mönchengladbach will manage Arminia Bielefeld next season. Köppel was up till now assistant manager to Cologne's Rinus Michels.

The biggest "turn over" of managers was registered in the Second Division where altogether ten team managers have been dismissed this past season. 1860 Munich, Alemannia Aachen, SpVgg Bayreuth, Union Solingen, Wormatia Worms, SpVgg Fürth, VfL Osnabrück, Hertha Berlin, Freiburger SC and again Alemannia Aachen have all changed "Trainers".

SWISS DRAW WITH BRAZIL

THE National team pleasantly surprised and delighted even their most ardent followers with a splendidly achieved 1-1 draw against World Cup favourites Brazil. Despite the long journey into a hot and humid Recife the Swiss acquitted themselves remarkably well.

Only a penalty goal and that conceded early (7 minutes) converted by Zico saved Brazil's reputation, but they had nothing more to give after Sulser's marvellously struck drive from 25 yards which swerved viciously into the top corner of the net. In the first half Switzerland dominated their famous rivals who had clearly underestimated them. In the closing stages when Brazil pulled out all the stops, goalkeeper Burgener playing in his 51st international performed heroically. His was a truly world class performance, as he foiled the South American attackers time and again.

But there were other successes in that fine Swiss team: Wehrli, who was playing "his last chance" in national colours astounded everybody with the way in which he shut out the much boosted Zico. Lüdi and Egli in defence played like giants, Sulser and Elsener tremendous in attack and the recalled Erni Maissen, who neutralised the danger posed by the attacking full back Junior, rated the best in the world.

Considering that this was Brazil's 18th successive international without defeat, the performance of Paul Wolfisberg's charges was quite outstanding. The team chief was of course delighted and very proud of his men. "We had more clear cut chances than the Brazilians and with any luck might have won" he claimed. The excessive heat as much as Brazil's attacking flair led to the hectic last half hour in which the hosts might have snatched victory.

Defeats

There is little doubt that the Swiss team has matured lately. Only two defeats in eleven internationals under Wolfisberg are testimony to his fine work and the application by the players who will look forward to the European Championship qualifying matches in the autumn with renewed confidence. The Swiss will meet Belgium, East Germany and Scotland, but in their present mood they are not afraid of anybody.

On the domestic front Servette, who led the table for 214 days, were caught by Grasshoppers with four games to go.

At the half way stage the Geneva club looked odds-on to win the title, but then began losing ground. They took over at the top after two matches back in August and at the winter break had a four-point lead over FC Zurich and a seven-point advantage over Grasshoppers. But after two draws against lowly clubs and the crushing 0-3 against Grasshoppers, their advantage began to melt.

Then came the sensation of the season: Servette fired their long serving team manager Peter Pazmandy (41). The Hungarian-born coach was six years at the club and had a contract till June 1985. He was dismissed with the club still at the top, but there were other reasons beyond the disappointing results in the second half of the season.

There have been disagreements behind the scenes, between the players and him and the board of directors and the coach. At the start of the season these differences were kept quiet because the team, despite the introduction of six new players, was doing so well. But the unfortunate preparations during the winter pause (a short break, a trip to the humid Ivory Coast, the hard training schedule in the colder climate back home, not forgetting the outbreak of 'flu at the start of the league campaign) have all contributed to Servette's discomfort.

The early announcement that Bizzini, Guyot and Valentini, the stalwarts of the side, will not be retained for next season, have also increased the tension within the playing personnel.

Pazmandy was totally surprised by the turn of events, but he only has himself to blame; his place was temporarily taken over by the club's Sports director Guy Mathez (36).

The club wants to sign the international centre forward Jean-Paul Brigger from FC Sion, but he also had offers from FC Zurich and the French club Metz. Defender Jean-Yves Valentini is going back to Sion, Guyot is also leaving, but hasn't got a new club yet; he may even retire. Bizzini is still negotiating with Servette about a possible extension of his contract, or perhaps the possibility of looking after the club's juniors. Rumours that the Frenchman Pleimelding will leave if Brigger is engaged have been denied by the club.

Sion have also signed two young promising players, Favre (22) from Leytron and Puippe (19) from Martigny. Basel have hired again the former international Marti, but are parting with Erni Maissen. FC Zurich are also taking over the highly talented Alliata (19) from Lugano. Maissen should strenthen FCZ considerably.

The other famous Zurich club Gasshoppers have not yet showed their hand on the transfer market. President Karl Oberholzer explained that he is determined firstly to confirm the contracts of players who were due for a renewal, before making any commitments to new arrivals. Secondly the "Hoppers" will wait for their new team manager, the German Hennes Weisweiler who may have his own ideas on players he wants.

Most of the other First Division clubs are negotiating with players but their identity is kept secret for fear of alerting the competition. Money is generally tight, so that spectacular signings are not expected. The national team captain René Botteron is training with the FC Zurich, but his ambition is to join another German club; he is still with Cologne.

Austria increases league

THE AUSTRIAN Bundesliga (First Division) will be increased next season from 10 to 16 clubs. This was decided at an extraordinary session of the ÖFB (F.A.) with 173 out of 235 votes. It is hoped to improve the economics of most clubs, but experts doubt the wisdom of this step.

This decision taken shortly before the start of the World Cup finals brought renewed unrest within the Football Federation. President Karl Sekanina, who pleaded for the retention of the 10-team league, resigned in protest saying: "This increase will dilute top class football in Austria." Since 1978 when the plans for an increase were first unveiled, Sekanina managed successfully to block all attempts; but not this time.

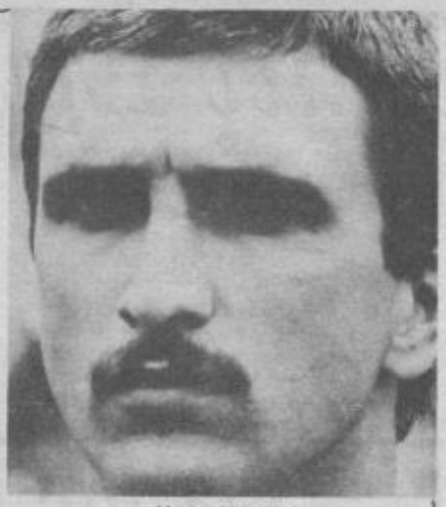
The next set up means that this year there will be no relegation. The first six clubs from the Second Division will be automatically promoted. Sekanina warned that this early announcement was a "fraud on the customer", because the remaining league matches, mainly those concerning relegation issues had become meaningless. It meant for example that next to bottom Voest Linz, who opposed league leaders Rapid Vienna, didn't have to fight in earnest to avoid relegation. Attendances began to drop even further as the top teams had little problems with the sides near the bottom.

This leaves Scotland as the only major soccer nation in Europe with a league comprising just 10 clubs in which every team plays the opposition four times. The Austrians have obviously decided that the public doesn't want to see so many "repeats" of the same fixtures.

Rapid won the league championship for a record 26th time, but the team was so unconvincing in the latter stages, that some experts warned: "It would be better if this team didn't win the title. They will humiliate Austrian football in The European Cup", wrote Sepp Graf, the Austrian correspondent of the West German sports paper 'Kicker'.

Apart from Krankl and the Czech Panenka the rest of the "Rapidler" left much to be desired and they scraped to the title simply because FK Austria were even worse! Rapid's former star, "Bomber" Franz Binder (he scored 1,006 goals in his career), who still retains an honorary seat in the front row of the stand, once left before the end of the game swearing: "I have had enough. This style of play has nothing to do with Rapid. There are no intelligent moves, no ideas and no shots at goal. I have no intention of watching such a load of rubbish."

To make matters worse, Krankl was sent off in the match v. Admira. After Admira's Troindl fouled Rapid's Panenka, Krankl attacked Troinkl and hurled him to the ground. He was instantly shown the red card, but not content with that he charged after the referee and nearly caused the game to



Hans Krankl

be abandoned. He had to be restrained by his team mates. Krankl was suspended for two matches and also missed the international v. Denmark.

Rapid benefited from the inexplicable slump of chief rivals FK Austria; after scoring only two goals in six matches they gained just three points. Under their new team chief Wenzel Halama FK Austria suffered a series of setbacks including a 0-3 v. Rapid and 0-5 v. bottom placed Wiener Sportklub.

Yet, FK Austria won the Cup beating Wacker Innsbruck 1-0 away and 3-1 at home, in the two-legged final. Only 6,000 fans bothered to turn out to see the triumph of their favourites who had to overcome a half-time deficit, but three goals in 19 minutes have finally settled the issue. But the position of Halama is by no means secure.

The cup semi-finals had a touch of farce about them. 14 penalties were needed before the finalists were known. Three spotkicks were given in Wacker Innsbruck's 2-1 win over Sturm Graz; experts were unanimous that World Cup referee Wöhrer did not have one of his good days ...

Because FK Austria and Grazer AK were locked at 1-1 a.e.t. a penalty decider ended with FK Austria winning by 6-5. The country's top penalty expert is Koreimann (Wacker) with 10 converted spot kicks.

Grazer AK's team manager Gustl Starek has been doing well and was offered a two-year contract till June 1984. Nevertheless, the clever Starek had a clause built-in. He can leave the club any time if he gets a better offer, but he would have to pay the club £10,000 compensation! Graz have thus protected themselves against the loss of this first class coach, under whom the team had the best away record in the league — eight wins in eleven games. Starek has incidentally once starred in the German Bundesliga and won league championship medals both with Bayern Munich and 1.F.C. Nürnberg.

FK Austria's midfielder Felix Gasselich wants to follow his former team mate Walter Schachner to Italian club Cesena. Schachner has done well in Italy where the pay is infinitely better than at home and the players idolised. It is on the cards that after the World Cup other Austrian internationals will be hoping to get offers from abroad, if not from Italy, where the contingent for next season is already full, then possibly from Spain and West Germany.

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MONACO carry French colours into the European Cup next season, Paris Saint Germain, thanks to a superb late goal by Dominique Rocheteau against his old club Saint Etienne, are the new Cup holders; and Roger Rocher is no longer the President of Saint Etienne.

Just what happened there we may never know; or if we know at all, it is unlikely to be for a very long time. What was it that pitted the intransigent, dedicated, controversial, explosive, impassioned Rocher so bitterly against his young manager and former skipper, Roby Herbin, and his brilliantly successful chief scout, Pierre Garonnaire?

After 21 years solidly and provocatively in the saddle, it took only 20 minutes of the meeting of the Council of the Administration for Rocher to be on his way, after firing a volley above all at Garonnaire. The veteran chief scout was buried under a cascade of epithetis. Clearly for Rocher he had been the Grey Eminence, the man was had "manipulated" Herbin. But in what way? It was all smoke and no fire. To call Garonnaire, picturesquely, a *sousmarin* hardly told you what he had supposedly been up to.

One of the most trenchant Press comments was made by Jean-Louis Levreau in *Le Provencal*. Across the years, he said, as Robert Herbin had grown as a manager, he was less and less ready to brook the arrogant ways of a president who had made himself a star on the back of the victories won by his players.

No one could say that Rocher didn't work. Indeed, perhaps he should have worked a bit harder for his public works company, which went bust a couple of years ago, than for Saint Etienne, where in his almost obsessional commitment he would turn up at eight o'clock in the morning to put in a 12-hour day.

Cupboard

Some have asked whether in the final analysis Rocher was culprit or victim. A bit of both, one imagines. There seem to have been skeletons in the financial cupboard at the club, just as there are in practically every French club of stature; and Rocher didn't make things any better by publicly announcing Herbin's salary as being greatly in excess of its official figure; which must have made the tax authorities prick-up their pointed ears.

Now we shall see whether those who have forced Rocher out will be able to run the club as well as he. Things won't be so easy. Saint Etienne now won't be taking part in either of the two major European trophies, and Michel Platini has gone his way to Juventus. But with Herbin and Garonnaire working closely in tandemn, there are those who stay optimistic. At 62, Rocher sadly and bitterly wends his way, without even the last solace of a victory in the Cup Final.

Paris Saint Germain would have loved to have Michel Platini to help them in the Cup-Winners' Cup next season; but they will have to do without him. In fact, Platini it was who scored both goals against Paris SG in the Final, one after 76 minutes, the other after 99 minutes, only for his national team

pened at Saint Etienne?

by Andre Duclos

colleague Rocheteau to get that last minute of extra time equaliser; and for Paris SG to prevail 6-5 on penalty kicks. Rocheteau, eight-minute hero of that other much more famous Final, that of the European Cup in Glasgow in 1976, is longing to rediscover Europe.

Still subject to injury, which, he says, took the gloss off his performance in the Final — when he scarcely came to life before scoring his breathlessly important goal — he was a right-winger then, but he is a centre-forward now. "It's a great joy," he says, to be playing again in Europe; he scarcely thought of it before the Final. "The Parisian club is now on course gently to build itself a reputation. It is becoming adult."

Clever

A shame that the clever, lanky, attacking left-sided Yugoslav midfielder, Surjak, is on his way to Italy, and will, therefore, not be among those present. He will be severely missed. Even the clever Algerian midfielder, Dahleb, of the subtle skills, may not be there.

True, he has still a year of his contract to run, but he has been made unhappy by criticism that he plays too few games, and he might yet move. He actually lost all his kit in Renne a few days before the Final, and eventually had to play in a battered old pair of boots.

What of Monaco? The victory of this resourceful little club, whose gem of a stadium seldom holds more than a few thousand spectators, did not meet with national joy.

There were those who called them, under the able leadership of Gerard Banide, a limited and unexciting side, those who pointed out that though they've been to the European Cup before, they've never done anything of consequence. This season, they were thrashed on their own ground by an extraordinary Dundee United; though they rallied boldly in the second leg, even if they still went out.

They survived the loss of the veteran, prolific Argentine centre-forward Delio Onnis with some success, though Onnis had a very good season indeed with Tours where he has signed for another season still.

Onnis is really an amazing little fellow. Though Tours did nothing of great consequence in the league except, like the Abbé Siéyès, survive, he put together a walloping 29 goals, which left him fully five ahead of Szarmach: another player, at Auxerre, whose deadly form belied the poor position of his club.

Couriol, the coloured winger who has several times been capped for France, got seven League goals for Monaco, but that put him well down the list in a team which has been most successful in sharing the goals about.

The top scorer, and a great success in his first season on the Cote d'Azur, was the towering Swede Ralf Edstroem, with 15 goals. Then came Bruno Bellone, the 19-year-old left-winger with the splendid left foot, another French international — even at centre-forward — who scored a dozen goals.

Barberis, the excellent Swiss international midfielder, scored no fewer than 11, as did yet another French international centre-forward in Eric Pécout. It is hard to see how anyone can call a team so full of skilful, gifted, lively players a dull one.

In defence, Petit got through mountains of midfield work, and young Amoros, besides being capped for France, showed great versatility, playing in both full-back positions, and in midfield when required.

Jean-Luc Ettori, however, was generally deemed the most consistent Monaco player — a quality he had scarcely shown in the past. He, too, was capped for France, and let in only 24 league goals.

Play-off in Greece

From Lou Economopoulos in Athens

AFTER a long season of hard-fought battles on the field and in court, Panathinaikos and Olympiakos ended the First Division season joint top.

The final day of the season (May 30) found both clubs on 50 points with a play-off tentatively set for June 12 at the AEK stadium to decide the league championship.

Panathinaikos and Olympiakos both won their crucial final matches 2-0, the former at home over Apollon with two goals by Grigoris Haralambidis, and Olympiakos coming out on top in Rhodes. Haralambidis ended the season as the league's top scorer on 21 goals.

"We said there would be a play-off game to decide the crown when we were six points behind Panathinaikos not too long ago," said Olympiakos manager Alketas Panagoulias. "We lost the championship on our own ground. If we hadn't had those uncalled-for draws we would be celebrating now."

Panathinaikos president Giorgos Verdinoyannis said his team had a remarkable season, despite numerous difficulties.

"The war against Panathinaikos this season does not have a logical explanation. Such a thing has never happened before in the history of Greek soccer,' said Vardinoyannis. "Despite all that, we finished in first place in the league and have reached the semi-finals of the Cup. We reached the top thanks to the patience and will of team officials and the players and the heroic support of the fans who had to put up with a lot."

Panathinaikos have not won the league since 1977 and have a total of 12 crowns. Olympiakos have been title holders for the past three seasons and have won it more times than any other team, 22 times.

Salonica's PAOK team finished third in the league with 46 points, one ahead of AEK of Athens, whose last game against Kastoria saw veteran and captain Lakis Nikolaou play his last game and retire.

Violence did not escape the final day of the season in the First Division. Eleven youths were arrested after disorders following the Panathinaikos-Apollon and AEK-Kastoria games.

Earlier in May, Panathinaikos and Hercules fans fought it out at Salonica station before the key match. Some 1,200 fans from Athens stepped off the train and were attacked by some 500 Hercules fans. There were four injuries and seven arrests. Shop windows were broken.

After the first half of the derby, won by Hercules 2-1, Panathinaikos star forward Mike Galakos was struck on the head by a filled plastic bottle. He was knocked out for five minutes. The Panathinaikos team were driven to the airport after the match in an armoured police van.

Olympiakos fans went on the rampage after a 0-0 tie at home with Larisa. Fourteen troublemakers were arrested after breaking shop windows and stealing 2,000 tickets from the metro station near the stadium.

Groundsmen at the Apollon stadium found, after one recent match, eight cigarette lighters, one electric shaver, a pair of glasses, a flower pot, a urine specimen, a spark plug and a transistor radio thrown by fans on the pitch.

"Greek soccer is going through a crisis. There is violence, talk of fixed matches, bribes and faked injuries. We are not going to stand by and watch this mess. With measures which will be soon adopted in Parliament, we will move towards a better image," promised Kimonas Koulouris the sport's general secretary.

Meanwhile, Corinth had their ups and downs this season. On the positive side, the Corinthians are in the battle for the Cup along with Panathinaikos, PAOK and Larisa.

But the financially plagued club will be joining Kavala in the Second Division next season as Corinth finished bottom. Corinth lost to Ethnikos 4-0 at home May 23 before the lowest crowd of the season in the First Division, just 530 fans. Corinth used only six regulars in that contest as the rest of the team was not allowed to play because they had missed a practice session. The players claimed that they hadn't been paid lately and thus did not show up for practice.

Panionios president Kostas Zounis was so upset with his team's 5-1 drubbing at Rhodes, that he offered a million drachmas for information which might indicate that members of his team accepted a bribe to play badly.

The Juan Ramon Rocha Boublis case is continuing. On June 11 a decision was expected from the Supreme Council for Arbitrating Athletic Differences on whether the Argentine player, who has been playing for years as a Greek, will be allowed to play in Greece again.

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Salonica's Macedonikos Neapoleos have all but clinched a berth in the First Division. With four matches remaining, Macedonikos lead the North Section of the Second Division with 48 points, six more than second-placed Olympiakos Volos. The other candidates for the First Division from the South Section will either by Vizas, who currently have 44 points, or Panahaiki (43), Aharnaikos (43) or Paneleusiniakos (42).

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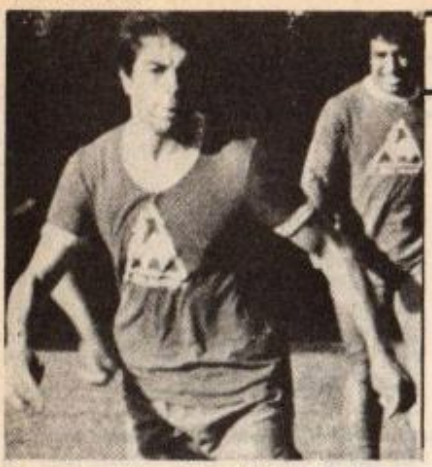
National Team manager Christos Archondidis has submitted a five-year plan in an attempt to improve conditions and results of his squad. He has asked government officials to allow the Greek side at least one international a month.



Argentine international Patricio Hernandez transferred to Italy's Milan for 1.2 million dollars.

SOUTH AMERICAN review

PRIVATE ENTER TO SAVE COLOMB

THE organisation of the 1986 World Cup finals was apparently saved at the eleventh hour as private enterprise stepped in with a financing project which had been bandied about — but never backed — in government circles since Colombia was awarded the venue by the International Football Federation 12 years ago.

Colombian FA president Alfonso Senior, the prime mover in getting the vote for Colombia in 1970, was now able to tell the FIFA congress in Spain that yes, Colombia can do it. No other country chosen as a venue in the history of the World Cup had vacilated for so long.

With most of the money due to be put up by private enterprise, Colombian president, Julio Cesar Turbay, finally agreed to back the event — of which he had earlier washed his hands — although his government's financial participation will be limited to providing security and improving communications which are badly needed anyway.

Private enterpise, according to spokesmen of a newly-formed committee, will put stadiums in condition, build hotels, etc., and even pay for the preparation of the Colombian team. Preliminary studies indicated that the cost of putting everything into condition would be in the region of five million dollars and the preparation of the team would take another four million.

But a more recent estimate for bringing venues up to standard was $1.6 million, but this would mean that only four venues would be used — Bogotá, Medellin, Cali and Barranquilla. Other candidates for venues, such as Bucaramanga, Cucuta, Santa Marta, Pereira, Armenia and Neiva among others, where professional soccer is also played, would be overlooked because the building of stadiums, hotels and communications, etc., to put them in condition to stage World Cup games would be altogether to costly as one would virtually have to start from scratch.

In Bogotá, Colombia's capital with a population of five million, the main stadium, El Campin, holds 50,000, but completely lacks guarantees for players, spectators and journalists to meet FIFA's minimum requirements. It is situated on land where it would be difficult to enlarge installations and the organisers are going to have a hard time in bringing the stadium up to FIFA's standard.

In Medellin, with three million inhabitants, the Girardot stadium, holding 45,000, has the same problems as those in Bogotá, while the Pascual Guerrero stadium in Colombia's third city, Cali (population two million), which holds 55,000 comfortably seated, is considered the most appropriate for international games. In Barranquilla, meanwhile, a new stadium, to hold 60,000, is already being projected and should be ready within two to three years, meeting all FIFA requirements.

The fly in the ointment is still the government, however. Although President Turbay has given his official backing to improve security and communications, his government had only three months more to run at press time. The new congress will have to back this decision and the cost of security and communications is going to be quite large. Colombia's guerrilla organisations, street gangs and drug traffickers are a constant worry for the country's weak security organisations . . . as they must be for FIFA in view of the World Cup finals due to be staged there. Offering adequate guarantees during the championship is not going to be easy, nor cheap.

Alfonso Senior has been named president of the new World Cup organising committee which was preparing plans to present to FIFA in Spain, but it was still feared that FIFA might not accept a private organisation, only partially backed by a government which was due to end its term of office, to run a World Cup final tournament.

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ARGENTINA ended a spell of six internationals without a win over a period of 16 months with a 2-1 win over Bulgaria in Buenos Aires and followed it up a week later in Rosario with a 1-0 win over a young Romanian side which bore little resemblance to the one which ran England close in their World Cup qualifying group last year.

The two unconvicing wins against weak opposition were probably Argentina's last internationals before the World Cup as the match with Ireland was cancelled when several English clubs refused to release their players to come to Argentina.

They were also farewell matches for several of the Argentine internationals who were not going to play in Argentina again after the World Cup. Just before the April 30 deadline for transfers of foreign players to Italy, defender Passarella was sold for $1,750,000 dollars by River Plate to Fiorentina where he would be joining Argentine World Cup team mate Bertoni and midfielder Hernandez was sold by Estudiantes de La Plata to Milan for $1,200,000.

Midfielder Barbas and centre-forward Diaz had previously been sold to Zaragoza (Spain) and Naples (Italy) where they were due to move to after the World Cup. Maradona was also sure to move abroad with Barcelona having first option and other internationals were expected to be the subject of transfer deals during the World Cup. But perhaps coach Menotti, in whocm several foreign clubs are interested and who has said he will leave when his contract expires

Argentine international striker Mario Kempes getting the ball off a Bulgarian defender during the international in Buenos Aires which Argentina won 2-1 to end a lean spell of six internationals without a win. River Plate have still only paid a small portion of his transfer at the beginning of last year from Spain's Valencia. There are insistent rumours that physical problems will stop Kempes from ever regaining top form again and the club would not mind giving him back.

from Eric Weil in Buenos Aires

PRISE STEPS IN IAN WORLD CUP

on December 31, could stay. The Argentine FA has said it will do its best to keep him.

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OMAR BORRAS, who was in charge of the Uruguayan team which recently won an international tournament in India, has been named national team coah to prepare a team for next year's South American Championship . . . The Uruguayan FA also wants to stage the Junior World Cup in 1985, and was due to put in its request at the FIFA congress in Spain.

Argentine national team captain Daniel Passarella transferred to Fiorentina for 1.75 million dollars.

River Plate and Boca Juniors go out

WITH one match to go in the qualifying stage of the Argentine national championship, only three clubs had made sure of a place in the quarter-finals — FC Oeste (last year's runners-up), Estudiantes de La Plata and Racing Córdoba — while 11 were left with a chance of grabbing the other five places, but the two most popular ones, River Plate and Boca Juniors, were out.

River Plate, starting the season with a virtual third team — nine men were in the national team squad and six others under suspension by the club for refusing to play in a pre-season friendly — were never expected to be able to defend the title they won last year. For a short time it looked as if they might get back into contention when several players were released from the national squad and the suspension of others ended, but the absence throughout the season of six leading players — goalkeeper Fillol, defenders Tarantini and Passarella, midfielder Gallego and forwards Diaz and Kempes — in Menotti's 22-man World Cup squad was too much.

Boca Juniors, without money for much-needed reinforcements and without Maradona (in the World Cup squad) who chiefly helped them to the 1981 First Division championship, topped their section for a while, but really fell away when problems with the players over non-payment of salaries became intense.

They had not been able to win any of their last five games at press time, giving poor performances all the way, and as soon as it was over, coach Vladislao Cap (who was in charge of the 1974 World Cup team) had had enough.

His contract was terminated by "mutual agreement". He had said when he took over at the start of the year that team strengthening in two or three positions and payment on time of the players was essential for a title challenge. Boca Officials did not comply . . . but wanted the title all the same.

River Plate and Boca Juniors, who will be representing Argentina in the Libertadors Cup later this year (as last year's national and first division champions respectively), also gave a sorry performance in the latest clash of their classic rivalry — a 0-0 draw which was a yawn all the way without the stars. The fans must have sensed it and stayed away. For once the match did not gross the highest gate of the day . . . and significantly San Lorenzo — the big club which dropped into the second divison last year and, as mentioned previously, has been drawing phenomenal crowds — drew more spectators for a minor match the day before.

The virtually starless line-ups in the River-Boca classic on the latter's field were:

Boca Juniors: Gatti, Suarez, Bachino, Mouzo, Ithurrieta, Benitez, Krasouski, Trobbiani (Cecchi), Matuszyczk, Brindisi, Perotti.

River Plate: Ferrero, Gordillo, Saporiti, Giudice, García, Bulleri, Merlo, Mesina, Tevez, Alegre (Vega), Vieta.

Of the three clubs which had already qualified for the quarter-finals, FC Oeste are by far the best "team" and Estudiantes de La Plata, coached this year by their former midfield general Bilardo (during their Libertadores Cup glory days), follow them in this aspect. Neither team has any outstanding stars, but Alex Sabella, recently of Sheffield United and Leeds United before coming back to Argentina this season, has been doing wonders for them as a result of which they did not miss their national team-tied midfielder Hernandez and have now sold him to Italy's Milan.

The third qualifiers, Racing Córdoba, who became the first non-first division team to reach the final of the national championship two years ago, now also qualify for a place in the next first division championship for having reached the final round again within three years. They join two other Córdoba teams — Talleres and Instituto — already in the first division and who also gained a place via the national tournament.

Meanwhile, the writing is on the wall for several financially-ailing big clubs such as Boca Juniors, Huracán and Racing (Avellaneda) who can not find the money to pay their players. Boca Juniors has now been forced to make all their players available for transfer. Hurcán and Racing — World Club champions in 1967 when they beat Glasgow Celtic — may lose their players to the free agents market at any moment for non-payment and both finished in bottom positions.

There is no relegation in the national championship and first division clubs qualify for it merely by staying in the first divison . . . but one or two of these big clubs could be relegated this season from the first division which begins right after the World Cup.

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MODEST club Pereira lost an early season five-point lead in the Opening Championship of the Colombian professional league when they lost four of their last five games at press-time and it looks as if Cali clubs America and Deportivo, who have been taking leading places in the open championship for the last four years, will do so again to stake an early claim for places in the end of season championship play-offs.

Pereira and America are joint leaders on 22 points — with America having a game in hand — followed by Deportivo a point behind.

Next come defending champions, Nacional of Medellin, with 19 points and a match in hand, followed by Bogota's Santa Fe, who have Yugoslav striker, Dragan Pavlovic, on 18 points. Libertadores Cup semi-finalists Tolima are not out of it, because they have 15 points with two games in hand. Leading scorer is Argentine striker Osvaldo Gonzalez of Bucaramanga with 12 goals, but Deportivo Cali are the most profilic scorers with 33 goals in 17 games.

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CHAMPIONS Barcelona of Guayaquil lost two matches in a row and had their A Division lead in Ecuador reduced to one point over Deportivo Quito in the Ecuadorian professional championship.

This was blamed on internal problems between players and coach Hecotr Morales. The club board nipped it in the bud by firing Morales and signing Jose Ricardo de Leon, one of Uruguay's leading coaches who was in charge of the modest Defensor club when it broke the monopoly of big clubs Nacional and Peñarol to win the Uruguayan first division in 1976.

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IN the Mexican first division, in which the 20 clubs meet each other twice as in any other league but are divided into four sections with the top two of each qualifying for play-offs, it couldn't be more exciting with just one game to go of the regular season.

Only two clubs — Zacatepec and Atlante — have qualified, 14 have a chance of taking the six remaining places and only four clubs are out of the fight. In groups 1 and 2, four of the five clubs aspire to the top two places in the last game, in group 3 two have a chance to join leaders Zacatepec and in group 4 the remaining four clubs can still take second place behind Atlante.

No wonder Argentina was going to adopt the system for its first division this season — it is already being tried out in the third division there — to keep interest alive right up to the end.

Davenport hat-trick illustra
League clubs should look

CROCODILE tears have already begun to flow for those lesser League clubs which will eventually, and inevitably, sink out of sight, unable to make ends meet in the current, bleak economic situation. One of the regrets you often hear is that their passing will dry up the flow of talent to the major clubs.

I am not at all sure about that, and two recent emergencies in the Football League have only increased my doubts. Last May, Peter Davenport of Nottingham Forest, a 21-year-old centre-forward, scored at Portman Road a superb hat-trick against Ipswich Town, with no less a pair than the two English internationals, Terry Butcher and Russell Osman, opposing him at centre-back. A few months earlier, Davenport had still been playing amateur football on Merseyside for the Cammell Laird team. Everton had signed him to amateur forms, but never given him as much as a reserve game.

Yet here he was, superbly opportunist, taking on and leaving for dead experienced international defenders in a game vital to Ipswich's chances in the League, scoring goals where none seemed feasible. It was an extraordinary performance, and inevitably it revived memories of the equally remarkable Gary Birtles, another centre-forward who came in from the cold of non-League football, replacing Peter Withe at the start of season 1978/79, and finishing it with a European Cup winners' medal which he had earned several times over; not least with his demolition of Liverpool, then the holders', defence in the opening round.

Davenport and Birtles have this much in common; over and above the fact that each was pitched into the fray, out of obscurity, by Nottingham Forest. They both have displayed from the first a refreshing sense of adventure, a refusal to be intimidated or suppressed by the importance of an occasion, the fame of an opposition. This must be more than simple coincidence, and I intend to return to the theme in a moment.

Park football

The other player I should like to pick out is the 18-year-old Watford left-winger, John Barnes. It was only last September that Barnes made his debut for Watford. Prior to that, this powerfully built, rapid young Jamaican was playing in park football. There he was spotted by a discerning Watford fan, who nagged away at the club till they gave the boy a trial. He came to England initially because his father, an Army Colonel, was appointed military attaché to the Jamaican mission. Good luck for Watford whose promotion owed a good deal to Barnes' surging energy up and down the left touchline.

These are not two freaks. Indeed the writing, in a fairly positive way for once, was probably on the wall as long ago as 1970, when Steve Heighway stepped straight out of the Skelmersdale amateur side to play brilliantly for Liverpool as a centre-forward-cum-left-winger. He was already 22 by then and, having slipped through Coventry's nerveless hands, had no background in professional football whatsoever.

I remember asking him in some wonderment how he had got so fit so quickly for the professional game to which Heighway, an economics graduate from Warwick University, drily replied that you could only get *so* fit; there was a level of fitness beyond which it was impossible to go. Remembering his electric speed and dash in that first season, the point seems in retrospect as well taken as it did at the time.

The trouble with the fully professional game, as one has had occasion to remark before, is that it has a deadening, conservative effect on young talent, which it snaps up at a very early age, often before apprentice professionalism can be embraced at the age of 16, then discourages from showing true initiative.

Peter Davenport of Nottingham Forest.

Ironically it was still another Nottingham Forest centre-forward, Duncan Mackenzie, who never quite fulfilled his immense potential, who told me years ago how Forest twice farmed him out on loan to lesser clubs because he wouldn't do what he was told; wouldn't play one-twos and lay-offs, preferring to use his skill to take on and beat opponents. Forest had to take him back in the end, and he was the inspiration of a splendid Cup run. Now Birtles and Davenport appear to have re-emphasised the point.

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BEFORE the World Cup, there was an interesting battle of words between Cesar Menotti, team manager of Argentina, and Tele Santana, of Brazil. Menotti, somewhat mischievously, opined that Brazil were unlikely to do much good in Spain, unless they made use of orthodox wingers.

Santana testily responded that nowadays pure wingers were a luxury (Sir Alf, all is forgotten and forgiven). That putting a number seven or a number 11 on a player's back did not mean that he could spend his whole game hanging around the touchline. That forwards nowadays really had to shift about. That players certainly must burst down the flanks, but that they need not be wingers as such.

Choice

Chickens and eggs, chickens and eggs. When Ramsey in 1966 decided on his wingless wonders, though there were licensed wingers such as Peter Thompson, Ian Callaghan and Terry Paine around, he gave at differing times two differing explanations. One was that he simply hadn't the wingers available. The other was, rather in the vein of Santana, that his choice was made on doctrinaire tactical grounds.

Whatever, it spelled the eclipse of wingers for many years in English football, although they have now come back with some success; and not only here. In Brazil, there was for many years a wonderful tradition of right, rather than left, wingers. First came in the 1954 World Cup in Switzerland the bronze Julinho, a superbly built, splendidly fast and powerful jaguar of a player, who scored a tremendous long range goal in Berne versus the Hungarians.

Next, in 1958, and still more triumphantly in 1962, there was the bow legged Garrincha, the little bird, whose two marvellous bursts down the right destroyed Sweden's chances before half time in the 1958 Final in Stockholm. In 1962 he was still more extraordin-

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ary, his repertoire now including ferocious shooting with either foot, swerved free kicks and, most astounding of all, superb heading.

Though only five feet eight inches tall, one saw him, at Vina del Mar, even outjump the towering Maurice Norman, Tottenham's centre-half, to head a spectacular goal from a corner. His long distance shooting, whether from free kicks or open play, was exemplary in its power and accuracy.

Ball control

After Garrincha, who was a spent force by 1966, came Jairzinho, perhaps the most powerful of the three, though not quite as accomplished in his ball control. He had a magnificent World Cup in 1970, roasting Terry Cooper in Guadalajara to cross the ball from which Gordon Banks made that famous save, eventually scoring the one goal of the game, capping his competition with the goal he got from Pele's smooth lay off in the Final against Italy.

By the 1974 World Cup, Jairzinho had become a centre-forward — a position he had always favoured — and the long line of right wingers had lapsed. Of left-wingers there had been Zagalo, manager in 1970 and 1974, tireless star in 1958 and especially 1962, when he roamed almost the length of the left touchline.

Today's Brazilian wingers, such as Paulo Isidoro and Eder, are of the more modern, less adventurous, breed, who start from deep, in the midfield and pay their passage with their work rate, rather than with their explosive ability to take on full-backs and go past them on the outside. Since Tele Santana can scarcely conjure wingers out of nowhere, his philosophy of wingers, or non-wingers, may perhaps be understood, and forgiven.

It is worth recalling that even Garrincha had a very hard time getting into the team. The initial Brazilian outside-right in 1958 was Joel of Flemengo, who played in the first two games before a deputation of players, led by Nilton Santos, Garrincha's Botafogo of Rio club mate, asked Vicente Feola, the manager, if Garrincha could play. So Garrincha, renowned for his lack of consistency as much as for his talents, went in against Russia in Gothenburg, had a superb match, and stayed in the team till . . . 1966.

Menotti himself can scarcely be said to have owed his success to wingers. In 1978, Houseman faded away and though Daniel Bertoni had his moments, scoring a goal in the Final, it was Mario Kempes who pulled all the strings.

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PERHAPS it is really about time that UEFA grasped the nettle of Cup Final venues. For over 20 years it has been the custom for the stadium to be chosen well in advance, and to be adhered to no matter what teams reach the Final; even if a team be literally playing at home, as Barcelona were at Nou Camp against poor, much maltreated, Standard Liège.

The first such case that I remember was away back in 1957, when Real Madrid, the holders, found themselves playing the European Cup Final in their own Bernabeu Stadium against Fiorentina. Hardly surprising that they should win, 2-0. English teams have twice benefited in this way, Manchester United, in 1968, and Liverpool, 10 years later, winning the European Cup at Wembley; though the Empire Stadium was at least not their actual home pitch. Internazionale beat Benfica for the Cup on a rainsoaked night in Milan, while Ajax of Amsterdam had only to go to nearby Rotterdam to defeat Inter in the European Final of 1972.

Outrageous

Such advantage seems to me quite enormous, quite disproportionate, and in the case of Barcelona's recent Cup Winners' Cup victory, quite outrageous. This Barcelona team has been a notoriously nasty one, and certainly it doesn't need to be playing before its own impassioned crowd to start comprehensively kicking people; Tottenham Hotspur will tell you as much.

In the Final, the view of an alarmed FRANCE FOOTBALL isn't that the atmosphere was such that there was nothing a well intentioned referee, Herr Eschweiler, could do about it. I cannot agree; it was within his power to show first yellow then, if necessary, red cards; just as it lay within the power of the inept Herr Mulder of Holland at Tottenham and his weak East German successor in the second leg at Nou Camp.

Still, given and granted that, it is obviously hard for a referee to officiate in front of a heavily biased and perhaps intimidatory crowd, and I simply cannot accept that the logistics prevent UEFA from shifting the venue of a Final on those occasions when a team would be playing at home in it. Surely it would be possible, before the semi-finals were played, to start to make contingency preparations.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

Nigel Spinks of Aston Villa.

Spinks straight out of a comic book strip . . .

COMETH the man, cometh the hour. The achievement of Nigel Spink, the brawny young Villa goalkeeper, in Rotterdam was the stuff of which schoolboy annuals once were made.

In the sunshine outside an Amsterdam hotel, I spoke to him the morning after the European Final in which his remarkable catalogue of saves, beginning almost at once with a splendid pounce on a shot by Durnberger, really held Bayern at bay in a match they should have won with some comfort.

Spink, who was playing — almost unbelievably — only his second full senior game, was given heart by that save, as he admitted, though he realised it was only the beginning of a long and rocky road. Later, when he superbly blocked a shot by Karl Heinz Rummenigge, the German striker looked at him; and kept staring at him, all the way back to the half way line.

But, says Spink, he found him a pleasant fellow, who congratulated him, later in the game. Through Spink's mind, meanwhile, there "flowed," as he put it, thought of how well the young QPR keeper Peter Hucker had played at Wembley the previous Saturday in the FA Cup Final; and of how a keeper could become a hero.

Spink unquestionably did, the other hero of a strange evening being little Tony Morley, whose marvellous double sidestep, his sublime piece of daring, enabled him to go past Weiner to the line and set up a goal which even Withe, with his curious penchant for hitting the post, couldn't quite miss.

Villa were as lucky as Spurs, who played the replay against QPR like the walking dead, and were ludicrously lucky to win; even if a silly piece of selfishness by Brooke, another bad miss by Archibald, prevented them scoring again on the break in the closing, desperate minutes.

Morley told me that with the intense heat and the long grass, the two men who he knew would be marking him, it was a difficult game in which to play. But he and Villa still prevailed.

World Soccer Newsdesk

By Paul Büttner

BOHEMIANS, the Dublin based club, who looked all set to bring the Kentucky Fried Chicken League of Ireland Championship back to Dalymount Park for the first time since 1976 failed at the penultimate stage.

In fact, as the final league table drew itself to an end Bohs had to settle for a tertiary position behind champions Dundalk and the aspiring youth of Shamrock Rovers. Just after Christmas Bohs were sauntering along six points clear of the field. But it all went drastically wrong for Billy Young, their manager, and his quality team.

Dundalk waited their time and stole in virtually at the last hurdle. A 2-1 win at Athlone gave them the title in the last game of the season. Meanwhile Shamrock Rovers raced into second place to claim a UEFA Cup spot next season with an end of season run of four consecutive victories, thus leaving Bohemians empty handed.

The FAI Cup provided tremendous excitement at the semi-final stage. Limerick United, the club which is managed by Republic of Ireland manager Eoin Hand, reached the Final thanks to a replay win over Athlone Town. But it was the other semi which gave great football in a mammoth clash between Dundalk and Bohemians which necessitated three replays before John Raynor, a youth international scored the winner for Bohs in the second period of extra time. All this was in vain, for the Dublin club lost the dour, wet Final 0-1 to Limerick.

On the international scene it has been a disastrous last couple of months for the Republic of Ireland.

With the hurt of not qualifying for the World Cup while Northern Ireland travel, many southerner insist, and I am one, that the wrong Ireland is going to Spain.

However, the Republic's three match (Kuwait, Chile and Brazil) stint of defeat, indeed desolation at the hands of Brazil does not augur well for the future.

Ostensibly, cash invariably overcomes conscience as far as the FAI are concerned. And this mercenary approach has dented not only pride but our chances of entering a less difficult group when the next World Cup qualifiers come around.

Kuwait, though, were extremely fortunate to win 2-0 in their home meeting with Ireland. A depleted squad travelled and the FAI paid the price — although they may laugh all the way to the bank, their crassness has got to cease.

Trouble was inevitable when the South American tour came about at the end of May. English clubs refused to release players if the FAI insisted on fulfilling their arrangements to play Argentina. Eventually this fixture was cancelled. Then Peru informed the FAI that they would not play the Republic of Ireland because as far as they were concerned no match had been arranged. The FAI said nothing on the matter!

Struggling to find a replacement match for the two which were cancelled, the FAI approached Honduras. But asking a tiny country, economically speaking, to pay £38,000 was ridiculous. Needless to add, there would be uproar if some country asked that price of the FAI to play in Dublin.

In Santiago, Chile beat the Republic of Ireland 1-0. A result which shocked nobody as Stapleton, O'Leary, Hughton, Moran, Lawrenson, Whelan among others were all missing. The game in Uberlande, south of Brazilia, against Brazil saw Ireland without Robinson, thus leaving Kevin O'Callaghan and Brendon O'Callaghan to face an impressive Brazilian defence.

A seven-nil trouncing was the result. A disgrace really. Brady, Daly, Grealish and young Fulham player Sean O'Driscoll was the Irish midfield. But although Brady played exceptionally well, the like of Falcao, Socrates, Oscar and Junior provided all the magic.

Republic of Ireland president Dr. Brendon Menton will be replaced by Mr. John Farrell in June. One trusts that now that Dr. Menton and his uselessness have gone Mr. Farrell, a highly respected football official and acquaintance of FA Chairman Bert Millichip, will provide buoyancy and simple competency. The Republic of Ireland now has a good squad of players. A place in France for the 1984 European Championship Finals is within our reach.

By Robert Pateman

A CLOSE season clash between the champions of Malawi's two major leagues confirmed that the Blantyre and District league was superior to its Lilongwe rivals, Bata Ballets having little trouble in recording a three nil victory over Civil Service United.

Kinna Phiri scored the first of Bata's goals but it was young defender Sam Banda who was man of the match scoring the second goal and creating the third for another young star, Lawrence Waya.

The Blantyre and District league consists of three divisions plus competitions for reserve and youth sides and this season will see the premier division increased to 12 clubs, Malawi Railways, Sugar Stars and Moneymen joining the likes of Bata and Limbe Leaf Wanderers in the top grade.

AFTER several weeks of negotiations in Australia Eddie Krncevic finally left for Yugoslavia and Dynamo Zagreb, but forward Tony Henderson will not be going to Fort Lauderdale as once seemed likely.

Another on/off transfer concerns Adelaide Giants striker David Mitchell who is said to be wanted by all three Sydney clubs, which could push the final transfer fee up towards 50,000 dollars. Mitchell however is reported to be keen on trying his luck in Scotland, preferably with Rangers, and as a hefty transfer fee would make this difficult he might stay with the Giants for a while longer.

Leichhardt head the league at present, having taken 13 points from their first seven games but are not generally expected to stay there. St. George, for whom striker Dez Marton is in good form, suggested they might be one of the major challengers following an impressive 2-0 victory over Marconi-Datsun.

The eight seventh round league matches were watched by 25,108 paying fans, the biggest crowd being the 5,000 who watched Footscray draw 1-1 with South Melbourne.

Meanwhile one player returned to state football is goalkeeper Ron Corry, the winner of 28 caps, who returns to Canterbury-Marrickville as coach.

THE main news during the opening weeks of the season in Zimbabwe concerned the rapid demise of one of the country's leading clubs, the Black Aces.

Four of the teams best players, including former international striker David Muchineripi, have gone leaving the club desperately short of experience, as reflected in their opening results which have brought only two points from the first three games.

Most demoralising of all was the farce that surrounded the transfer of Rodrick Muganhiri for whom the Aces received a reported 2,500 dollars from Dynamos. The player however changed his mind about the move and the deal fell through, but not before Aces had received and spent the transfer fee.

They were left with no choice but to offer mid field star Archieford Chimutandu instead, a move that seemed to please both the player and his new club but which was more bad news for the Aces who promptly changed chairmen, Newton Nyamupingidza replacing Shadrack Mgwenya.

Meanwhile as the Aces struggle Dynamo and Karls United are the early league leaders.

By Alister W. Coutts

ALTHOUGH Chan Fat-chi's goal which saw Bulova beat Eastern 1-0 in the Viceroy Cup Final in Hong Kong was a rather fortuitous affair there was no doubt that Bulova deserved their first major success in Hong Kong soccer.

With the former Scottish international player Tommy Hutchinson in fine form in midfield it was virtually one way traffic from start to finish and only some excellent defending from Tom Muir in the heart of

Oscar of Brazil.

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Chris Hughton (left) and Ronnie Whelan, two of the Irish Republic's new stars who were badly missed by the squad who toured South America providing valuable World Cup warm-up practice for their rivals.

the Eastern defence kept Bulova from adding to their solitary goal.

Both Werner Reich and Phil Boyer got through a powerful amount of running in attack for the Watchmen but poor finishing especially from Boyer contributed to the lack of goals. With goal scoring being at a premium in this team it is somewhat surprising to learn that Bulova have spent a considerable sum in securing the services of another talented Scots midfield player, Don Masson of Notts County in the hope that they can add the covetted FA Cup to their trophy collection.

The two semi-final matches in this, the most popular of Hong Kong's three cup competitions, were equally hard fought affairs with Eastern edging out Rangers 1-0 thanks to a Jim Muir goal, and Bulova getting the better of Seiko 2-1 the winner coming from Bulova's German striker Werner Reich in the second last minute of extra time.

Although the season did not end until early June Seiko had made sure of the league title for the fourth successive year and interest now centres round the struggle to remain in the premier league. The ugly spectre of crowd violence has already erupted as South China, Hong Kong's most popular and successful Club, rests firmly at the foot of the division with only four games to go.

With Po Chai already doomed the battle is between South China and Caroline Hill to decide who will play in the relative obscurity of the second division next season. With Ryoden and Morning Star already assured of their place in the top flight in season 1982-83 the search is now on to recruit players both in the UK and on the Continent. Ryoden have considerable financial backing and have already made contact with various players in their bid to strengthen their team.

As an indication of the Hong Kong Football Associations drive to improve standards a top British refereeing instructor, Squadron Leader V. Herron, has submitted a detailed report on the shortcomings of the present system and it is expected that the continuing influx of foreign players will place additional demands on the current crop of men in black in the comming season.

By Godfrey Robert

A CAPACITY 40,000 partisan Thai crowd saw the King's Cup tournament in Bangkok last month come to a yawning end as the four teams who paraded their skill, style and strength on the final night could not translate their soccer action into goals.

And the result was a barren 210 minutes of end-to-end exchanges — the final ended in Thailand's A team edging out favourites South Korea 4-3 on penalty kicks after a goalless 120 minutes (30 minutes extra time), and the hosts' B team beat Singapore 5-4 on penalties after a 0-0 fulltime score.

It was an anti-climatic finish, especially so because the Korean scoring machine had in the earlier matches worked with efficiency and superb timing that mesmerised their opponents — 20 goals in seven matches with one goal against.

But, to be honest, the Korean attack showed flashes of their mean striking power but were denied a goal because of the brilliance and agility of Thai goalkeeper Sompon Nantaprapasil, easily the Man of the Match.

Waving

And the only time Sompon was beaten, Singapore linesman R. Balasupramaniam's flag denied the Koreans as Indonesian referee Sudarso acknowledged the linesman's flag-waving by penalising Korean striker Choi Soon Ho for offside in the 77th minute.

Part of Korea's below-par performance was due to the absence of their midfield dynamo Cho Kwang Nae, who was handed a one-match suspension for a red card offence in the semi-final match.

It was a sad end to the Koreans' exploits bearing in mind that the soccer maestros from Seoul had beaten the Thais 3-0 in their second-round group match.

The Thai B team were fortunate to beat Singapore 5-4 on penalties in the third-placing match. Singapore, though missing topscorer of the tournament Fandi Ahmad, also due to suspension, the player who is being sought by Dutch club Ajax Amsterdam, had the better of the exchanges in a mediocre match.

The full results: *Group A:* Nepal 1 Philippines 0, China 4 Nepal 0, Thailand A 1 Singapore 1, Thailand A 2 Philippines 0, Singapore 2 Nepal 0, Singapore 1 Philippines 0, Thailand A 3 Nepal 1, China 2 Philippines 0, Singapore 1 China 1, Thailand A 1 China 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	4	2	2	0	8	2	6
Thailand A	4	2	2	0	7	3	6
Singapore	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Nepal	4	1	0	3	2	9	2
Philippines	4	0	0	4	0	6	0

Group B: South Korea 5 Thailand B 0, Malaysia 1 Indonesia 1, Thailand B 2 Indonesia 0, South Korea 5 Malaysia 0, South Korea 1 Indonesia 0, Thailand B 3 Malaysia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	3	3	0	0	11	0	6
Thailand B	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Indonesia	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	1	9	1

SECOND ROUND

Group A: Thailand B 1 China 1, Singapore 2 China 1, Singapore 1 Thailand B 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Singapore	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Thailand B	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
China	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

Group B: South Korea 3 Thailand A 0, South Korea 2 Indonesia 0, Thailand A 2 Indonesia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Thailand A	2	1	0	1	2	3	2
Indonesia	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Semi-finals: Singapore 0 Thailand A 1 (first leg); Singapore 2 Thailand A 2 (second leg), South Korea 1 Thailand B 0 (first leg); South Korea 3 Thailand B 1 (second leg).

Final: Thailand A 4 South Korea 3 (on penalties, after 0-0 draw).

Third Place: Thailand B 5 Singapore 4 (on penalties, after 0-0 draw).

ALL QUIET IN THE NASL OR IS A STORM BREWING?

ON the surface, the beginning of the NASL 1982 season would appear to be quietest for years.

On the surface. Because one has to wonder if it isn't all just *too* quiet. After all, just 12 months ago, the NASL were kicking and screaming about the attempt by FIFA to make them play under international rules, and to abandon their cherished 35-yard line.

This year, the NASL has dropped the 35-yard line — and there has really been no great fuss about it.

Or has there? Because it just is not possible to believe that what was almost a reason for breaking off FIFA affiliation last year has become unimportant this year. I fear that the 35-yard line dispute is not over, that we shall see it being raised again shortly.

For the moment, it may be usurped by the other rule change that FIFA is insisting the NASL make: reducing the number of substitutes from three to two. This the league has done, again with apparent insouciance. But here, one can see the beginnings of resistance. Not, as it happens, from the league itself, but from the NASL Players' Association, the players' union.

When, last year, the NASL was finally compelled by the courts to recognise and to deal with the Players' Association, the result was a lengthy Bargaining Agreement, and one of the clauses of that agreement said that the league would use three substitutes.

To those who might protest that a union has no business laying down the rules of the game, I would say, I agree entirely.

But the rationale is this: the union has decided that it shall be the friend and promoter of the American player, as opposed to the imported players in the league. This does not mean that the union is hostile to foreigners, I'm sure they would indignantly deny that, but the emphasis is clearly on pushing the cause of the Americans.

Hence the Bargaining Agreement included a number of clauses designed to speed up the Americanisation of the sport here — prominent among them, the fact that the league would continue to up the quota of American players that it requires on the field at all times.

Substitutes

And, as a support measure, the use of three substitutes — the reasoning here being that in this way young Americans who would not start a game could come on later and gain vital experience instead of just sitting around on the bench (which is a very real possibility because so few of the NASL clubs have reserve teams).

The Union has now served the league with notice that unless the league goes back to three substitutes it will take them to court. Well, here we go again, back to the courts. The NASL can only use three subs by flouting FIFA's instructions. What does it do when a US court finds, as it undoubtedly will find, that by only using two subs the NASL is breaking US law by not living up to a legally-binding document?

The thought of a major legal clash with FIFA is not all that horrible to contemplate for at least some of the NASL owners. Lee Stern, owner of the champion Chicago Sting and chairman of the league's executive committee, told me recently, almost with relish, "We could win a massive antitrust judgment against FIFA," then adding, this time with a touch of humour — "Maybe we could get back the millions we've lost promoting this sport without any help from FIFA."

There are those owners, too, who for some reason see the 35-yard line, a threadbare experiment if ever there was one, as the answer to all of the sport's problems here. Among the early results this season, have been three 1-0 games, and already one is hearing the "There you are, we told you so, no goals."

Direction

And a fat lot of use it is pointing out that the results also include an equal number of 3-2 scorelines. Such is the blind lack of direction in the NASL at the moment, that the 35-yard line is the only thing that can be grasped as the source of all evils — the 35-yard line and the "old fossils" (I'm quoting Lee Stern again) of FIFA.

Lack of direction, and lack of leadership. That is what one hears among the NASL people these days. Inevitably, the criticisms are directed towards the Commissioner Phil Woosnam, the man who is supposed to provide the leadership. Woosnam, of course, has been under criticism from one side or another almost since he assumed the top league job back in 1979. But he has always been adept at avoiding a lynching party, at playing one side — his enemies for the moment — against the other — his current supporters. But this time, it looks as though his nimble footwork may have come to a stuttering halt.

The dismissal — or more likely, the kicking upstairs or sideways — of Phil Woosnam would bring to a head the problem that has always been lurking in the background: who would replace him?

Assuming that Woosnam were left in charge of the strictly soccer aspects of the league's operation, then a new Commissioner (or whatever title the league chose to give him) would, ideally, be an American with a strong grip on American business methods and on the all-important area of public relations.

Evidently, with Woosnam to back him up, he would not necessarily have to have an encyclopedic knowledge of the sport. It is not going to be at all easy to find such a candidate, someone who is *convincingly* devoted to the future of soccer, as Woosnam so obviously is.

No one has ever faulted the workaholic Woosnam on his work rate or his sincerity.

His problem, of course, is that the NASL, which boasted 24 clubs just two years ago, now has only 14. The feeling among the owners is that the league expanded too much too fast, and that Woosnam was the chief architect of that ill-advised expansion. All that happens to be true, though it also needs emphasising that I don't recall any of the owners being threatened with a firing squad if they didn't go along with the expansion plan.

It was the owners, ultimately, who approved the plan. But owners, like the rest of us, have short memories. Now all that can be seen is that the league is in a very precarious position. Once you start contracting, losing clubs, it is not easy to inspire confidence among the potential investors, the sponsors, the television networks, all of whom are essential to the financial health of the sport.

Is all of this unfair to Woosnam? Yes, unquestionably, a lot of it is. Because it was Woosnam who played the main role in keeping the NASL alive in 1969, and it has been Woosnam's unflagging energy that has maintained the momentum. In a very real sense, the league is largely of Woosnam's own fashioning. But nobody said everything had to be fair and just in the world of big business. Woosnam does not have to have to be held as directly responsible for the NASL's current enfeebled position. The fact that he is closely associated with it, and was the leader while the expansion was going on, that is enough.

I spoke at the beginning about the feelings of the NASL owners on the matter of rule changes and what they see as FIFA obstructionism. It is this aspect that appears most disturbing to me, should Woosnam be unseated.

Expressed

There is a very real danger that the owners would try to move in someone who would press the view expressed forcibly by Lee Stern: "I can't see why it should matter to FIFA how we play the sport in this country, as long as we stick to their rules when we play internationally. That's the way it's done in basketball, and it works."

It all boils down, I suppose, to defining just how far one can go with rule-changing before you end up with a sport that is demonstrably *not* soccer. The shoot-out, for instance, seems to me a relatively harmless idea in itself, because it is something tacked on to the end of the game, something that does not affect the way that the game proper is played.

But the 35-yard line clearly did have a deep effect on the game itself, called for an adjustment in the players' thinking, a re-ordering of tactics and so on. Does that matter? I do not find that too easy a question to answer, for the following reason: because I believe that there is, already, something wrong with the way that the game is played. A generalisation, of course, but a valid one. No secrets are involved, we all know that the game has become too defensive, that the stars are lacking, that the entertainment value of the sport is not what it was.

from PAUL GARDNER in New York

So, if changes in the rules are designed to get it back to what it used to be, and if they work, I see no reason at all why they should not be adopted. For instance: I have seen Americans throw up their hands: quite literally, at the sight of defenders playing the ball back to the goalkeeper from the half-way line. And they are right to vent their frustration on such obvious time-wasting. You might, if you are a rabid fan of the team doing the back-passing, think it is all terribly clever, but you could never class it as entertaining soccer.

Suggestion

The Americans immediately think, how can we put a stop to that? And so they come up with a suggestion to ban passing back to the goalkeeper, or to make it illegal for the goalkeeper to play such a pass with his hands, or to ban such passes from outside the area. I don't know whether any of those ideas would work or not, but I am not prepared to condemn the thinking behind them, which is simply an attempt to make teams get on with the business of trying to score goals.

One hears, increasingly, references to indoor soccer as the type of soccer that Americans want to see. Plenty of hectic action around the goalmouth and plenty of goals. That is not an easy point to rebut. Indoor soccer presents easy-to-assimilate raw excitement without too much sophistication. It is, if you like, instantly understandable. Outdoor soccer — as presently played — has become too technical a game, too dominated by negative strategies and silly-clever coaching theories.

Ask yourself: would the game, as currently played, have swept the world as the original game of football did? Would this game we see today ever have become the world's No 1 sport? Are the admittedly unsophisticated American fans being asked to swallow a much-too-technical version of the sport, when all they are ready for, at the moment, are the bare elements — the basic excitement of dribbling and tackling and goals and saves? Are we trying to teach calculus to people who are only ready for the multiplication table — and who might not want calculus anyway?

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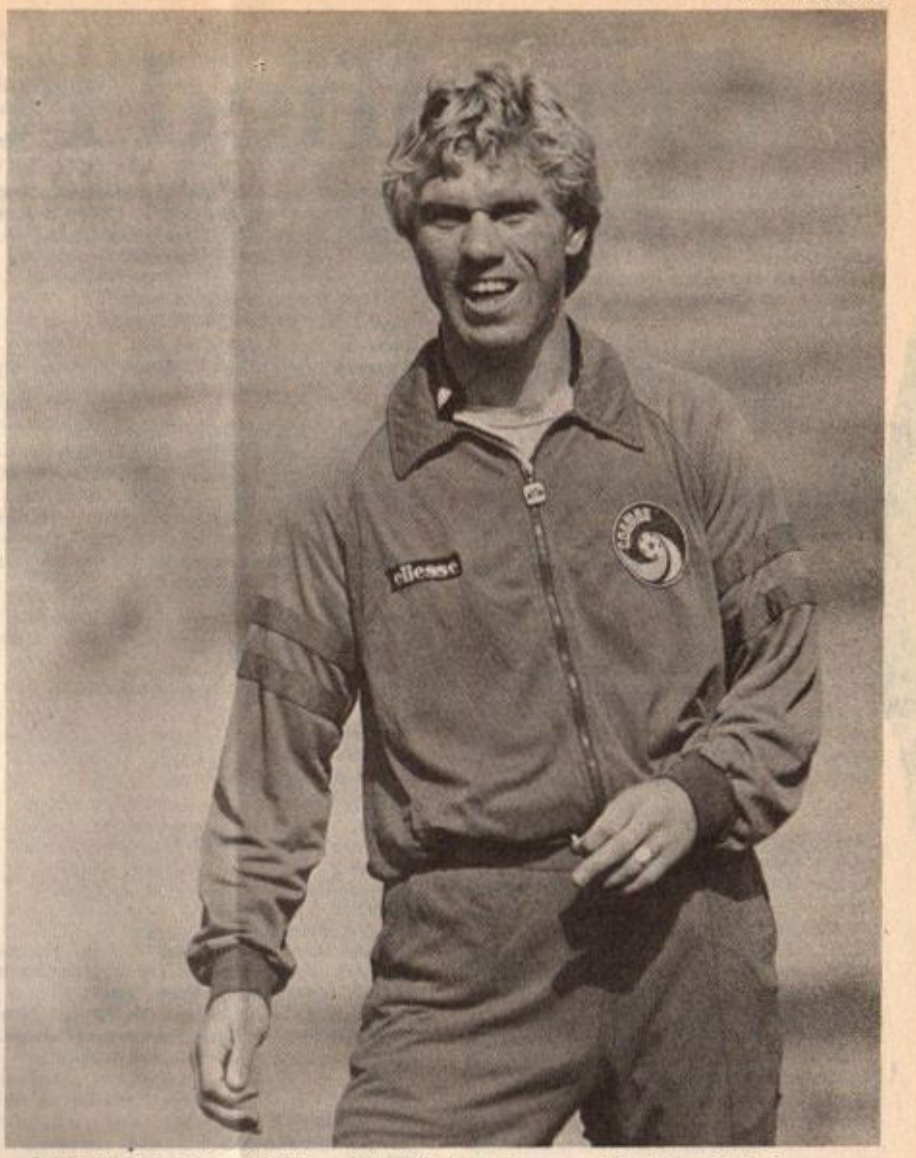
Lack of leadership seems to be contagious in US soccer at the moment. We have no national coach. The United States Soccer Federation is delaying an appointment until after the 1982 World Cup, but has decided that coaches are needed for the youth and under-23 teams. So two part-time coaches have been appointed, evidently because the Federation is short of money. So short, that it is even considering moving its offices from the prestigious Empire State Building to somewhere cheaper, maybe even out of New York City.

There is also a part-time coach in charge of the Cosmos — Julio Mazzei — while we await the arrival of the new Messiah, whoever he may turn out to be. The betting is on England's Malcolm Allison. In the meantime, the Cosmos have started off quite well. The incredible 5-1 victory over Peru was not quite what it sounds, but it was pretty praiseworthy, nonetheless.

The mitigating factor was the weather, which turned very cold and very windy on the day of the game. So the Peruvians had to cope with 40mph winds and sub-zero temperatures. Soon most of their players were wearing sweat socks over their hands, giving them the appearance of a team of amputees. They tried to play, but evidently soon gave up. The Cosmos persisted, played well, and took the game, even playing a man short for the entire second half. This was because Johan Neeskens suddenly went berserk and lashed out at everyone and everything within sight and range.

After the game, he made no attempt to excuse himself, but merely said he thought one of the Peruvians should have been sent off with him. In the second half a Peruvian, Roberto Rojas, was sent off, but another Cosmos, Jeff Durgan, went with him.

This was not what Cosmos Chairman Nesuhi Ertegun wanted to see. He had been rather annoyed when Carlos Alberto was sent off in a pre-season exhibition game. So he spoke to the team before the Peru game, and told them that he didn't want to see any more red cards this season. It is ironical that the two Cosmos players who now stand in danger of periods of suspension are Neeskens and Carlos Alberto — the two whom former coach Hennes Weisweiler banned, and who the Cosmos management were quick to recall as they were such favourites with the Cosmos fans.



A World Cup star of 1974 ... Wim Rijsbergen, now of the New York Cosmos.

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Classified results

THIS MONTH the International Review takes on a different format because of the number of World Cup warm-up matches. Europe and South America are included together — along with Africa and Asia representatives — to present a full May/June survey of the international scene.

World Cup finalists in full internationals are named in capital letters for easy reference; full international matches are marked with an* alongside the venue.

MAY 1

Algiers
Algeria 2 (Madjer 80, Kouici 83)
Real Madrid 1 (Pineda 50)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Redini (It)

Hunedoara — Euro. championship gp 5
Rumania 3 (Vaetus 16, Camataru 19, Boloni 71)
Cyprus 1 (Vrachimis 29)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000.

Rumania: Moraru — Rednic, Iogulescu, Stefanescu, Bogdan — Ticleanu (Petcu 46), Boloni, Balaci — Gabor, Camataru, Vaetus (Augustin 66).
Cyprus: Constantinou — Patkis, Erotokritou, Lysandrou, Kesos — Dimitriou (Lagos 75), Pantzarias, Papadopoulos, Theophanous — Prokopis (Yangoudakis 26), Vrachimis.

MAY 4

Bilbao
Athletic Bilbao 1 (Gallego 48)
Poland 4 (Buncol 3, Iwan 27, Janas 46, Smolarek 52)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Burgos Nunez (Sp).

Bilbao: Zubizarreta — Urquiaga, Licerazu, Goicoechea (Bolanos), Nunez — Gallego (Tirapu 60), Sola (Rojo 46), De la Fuente — Dani, Sarabia, Argote (Noriega 46).

Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Zmudu, Janocha, Janas, Wojcicki, Romke (Matysik 46), Buncol, Iwan, Smolarek (Kusto 73), Boniek (Skrobowski 72).

MAY 5

***Moscow**
RUSSIA 1 (Shengelia 20)
East Germany 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Nat (Hun.).

Russia: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Khidiatulin, Baltacha, Oganessian, Shengelia, Bal, Gavrilov, Burjak, Blokhin.

E. Germany: Rudwaleit — Ullrich, Trieloff, Schnuphase, Zötzsche — Liebers, Hause, Dorner — Streich, Pommerenke, Bornschein.

Estoril, Porto
Estoril 1
Kuwait 2 (Faisal Al-Dakheel 34, 67)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000.

Auckland
New Zealand 1 (Rufer 43)
League of Ireland 0
HT: 1-0.

***Buenos Aires, Velez Sarsfield**
ARGENTINA 2 (Diaz 24, Passarella 44)
Bulgaria 1 (Mladenov 1)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Loustau (Arg.).

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Gallego, Ardiles, Maradona — Valdano (Hernandez 80), Diaz (Valencia 72), Kempes (Santamaria 48).

Bulgaria: Velinov — Nikolov, Balevsky, Blangev, Iliev, Bezinsky, Yonchev (Kostadinov 46), Mladenov, Valtech, Georgiev (Ilchev 46), Zdravkov.

***Sao Luiz**
BRAZIL 3 (Junior 17, Eder 72, Zico 82)
Portugal 1 (Nene 89pen).
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 70,000.

Brazil: Valdir Peres — Edevaldo, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior — Batista, Socrates (Cerezo 80), Zico — Paolo Isidoro, Serginho (Careca 68), Dirceu (Eder 60).

Portugal: Bento — Gabriel, Humberto Coelho, Eurico (Alinho 68), Gregorio — Carlos Manuel (Manuel Fernandez 70), Eliseu (Paulo Rochas 68), Muca — Nene, Norton, Palhares.

MAY 6

Vigo
Celta de Vigo 1 (Dal Cura 35)
Poland 5 (Kusto 17, 40, 70, Ciolek 30, Palasz 42)
HT: 1-4. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Filgueira Gonzalez (Sp.).

Celta: Mate (Capo 46) — Santome (Lemos 46), Manolo (Gomez 28), Gelo, Canosa (Javi 65) — Mercader (Mori 46), Ademir, Suarez — Emilio (Aleandrov 35), Lucas, Del Cura (Carkos 73).

Poland: Kazimierski (Mlynarczyk 71) — Romke (Majewski 46), Zmuda, Janas, Jalocha — Matysik (Buncol 46), Ciolek, Skrobowski, Boniek — Palasz (Smolarek 46), Kusto (Iwan 61).

****Copenhagen**
Denmark 1 (Arnesen 83).
Sweden 1 (Thomas Larsson 68).
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,300. **Ref:** Nyhus (Nor.).

***Yaounde**
CAMEROON 0
Ghana 0
Att: 40,500.

MAY 8

Lisbon
Betis 1 (Rincon 44)
Kuwait 1 (Yaqoub 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 10,000.

Betis: Barrosa — Benitez, Casado, Francis, Carmelo, Lopez (Romo), Cardenosa, Ortega (Quico), Rinson (Tello), Parra, Melchor.

Kuwait: Al-Taralbulsi — Fatih, Mayoof, Mahhoob, Waledaal — Rothy (Hassan), Al-Buloughi, Kerheb — Jassim, Yacoub, Al-Anbari.

Auckland
New Zealand 1 (Turner 60)
League of Ireland 0
HT: 0-0.

New Zealand: Van Hattum — Bright, Adam, Malcolmson, Elrick, Mackay, Simonsen, Boath, Creswell, B. Turner, Rufer (McClure).

Lge of Ireland: Blackmore — Flanagan, Gregg, Lawlor, McConville, McDonagh, Byrne, King, Buckley, Deblin, Clarke.

Santiago
Chile 5 (Neira (2), Caszely, Mondaca, Moscoso)
Palestino 1
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 12,000.

Alba Iulia
Rumania B 2
Yugoslavia B 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000.

MAY 10

San Salvador
El Salvador 2
Universitario Lima 2
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000.

MAY 12

Gisborne
New Zealand 0
League of Ireland 0
Att: 12,000.

New Zealand: Pickering — Hill, Almond, Herbert, Elrick — McKay, McClure, Sumner — Cresswell, Brian Turner, Wooddin (G. Turner), Rufer.

League of Ireland: Blackmore — Gregg, McConville, Murphy, Lawlor (Beglin), Burne (Murphy), King, Flanagan, Clarke, O'Brien (Byrne).

Lima (May 12)
Peru 0
Gremio, P Alegre 0
Att: 33,409

Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Velasquez, Cueto, Cubillas — Leguia, Uribe, Oblitas.

Gremio: Leao (Remil) — Paulo Roberto, Newmark, De Leon, Paulo Cesar — China, Leandro (Odair), Renato Lima — Tarciso, Paulinho (Baltasar), Tonho.

***Oslo**
Norway 2 (Oekland 17, Albertsen 82)
W. GERMANY 4 (Rummenigge 5, 86, Littbarski 34, 43)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Johansson (Swe.).

Norway: Hansen — Berntsen, Herlovsen, Hareide, Groendalen — Albertsen, Lund, Davidsen (T. Jacobsen 77) — Brandhaug (Viday Hansen 46), Oekland, Thoresen.

W. Germany: Franke (Immel 46) — B. Förster (Hannes 47), Stielike, K-H. Förster, Briegel (Hieronymus 46) — Matthäus, Breitner (Reinders 62), Magath — Rummenigge, Hrubesch (Fischer 46), Littbarski.

Frankfurt
Spi Fechenheim 0
Cameroon 3 (Eyobo (2), Mbega)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,000.

Lisbon
Portugal U21 0
Kuwait 1 (Faisal Al-Dahkeel 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500.

***Rosario**
ARGENTINA 1 (Diaz 56)
Rumania 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 40,000.

Argentina: Fillol — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Ardiles (Hernandez), Gallego, Maradona — Valdano, Diaz, Kempes (Barbas).

Rumania: Moraru — Rednic, Iorgulescu, Bogdan, Ticleanu — Klein (Geolgau), Andone, Boloni — Gabor, Camataru (Turcu), Balaci (Augustin).

San Salvador (May 12)
El Salvador 4 (Gonzalez 16, Hueso 51, Rivas 67, Ragazzoni 86)
Universitario Lima 1 (Letiere 6)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,000.

El Salvador: Mora (Munguina; Hernandez) — Osorto, Castillo, Jovel (Fagoaga), Ventura — Hueso, Alfaro, Ever Hernandez — Gonzalez, Rivas, Ragazzoni.

Universitario: Jaime — Eugenio, Rosado, Aguilar, Garcia — Carlos Rosas (Ruiz), Bida, Zapata (Gonzalez) — Rey Munoz, Letiere, Canameros (Rotaing).

MAY 13

Vrsac
Yugoslavia B 2 (Zorotic 2, Maric 49)
Rumania B 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000.

Yugoslavia: Stojanovic — Beljic, Vorotic, Klincarski, Serpaz — Hadzibegic, Maric (Markovic), Zivkovic — Bazdarevic, Novakovic (Bhatic), Mance.

Romania B: Cavai (Duncadan) — Zamfir, Naghy, Ungureanu, Petcu (Zare) — Nicolae, Ortu (Jamandi), Nicsa — Campeanu, Custov (Vlatcaescu), Vaetus (Soiman).

Lisbon
Sporting Club 0
Kuwait 3
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000.

MAY 14

***Lyon**
FRANCE 0
Bulgaria 0
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Mulder (Hol).

France: Ettori — Amoros, Mahut, Tresor, Bracci — Tigana, Giresse, Genghini (Couriol 67) — Bravo, Lacombe (Stopyra 77), Bellone.

Bulgaria: Belinov — Nikolov, Balevski, Iliev,

Blangev — Bezinsky, Zdravkov, Yonchev (Sadakov 69) — Grigorov — Vlachev, Mladenov.
Santiago
Chile 4 (Caszely 19 pen, 44, 79, Neira 39)
RWD Molenbeek 2 (Cneudt 27, Jansen 83)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 32,000.
Chile: Osben — Garrido, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Dubo, Mondaca, Yanez — Letelier, Caszely, Moscoso (Gamboa).
RWD: Ruiter — De Greef, Desalyere, Golliere, Trigaux — Dewaele, Vanderelst, Cneudt — Thychosen, Jansen, De Mesmaeker.
*RWD had two players sent off.

MAY 16

Santiago
Chile 1 (Caszely 62)
FC Barcelona 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 40,000.
Chile: Osben — Garrido, Figueroa, Valenzuela, Bigorra — Dubo, Mondaca (Ormeno), Rojas, Letelier — Caszely (Puebla), Moscoso (Gamboa).
Dunedin
New Zealand 1 (McClure 75 pen)
League of Ireland 2 (Byrne 15, Clarke 42)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 11,000.
New Zealand: Wilson — Dods, Almond, Rufer, Wooddin, Sumner, Adam, Elrick, Boath (Creswell) McClure, G. Turner.
Lge of Ireland: Blackmore — Gregg, Lawlor, McConville, Flanagan, Byrne, King, Buckley, Devlin, Clarke (Beglin), Murphy.

MAY 17

***Lima**
PERU 2 (Uribe 44 pen, Velasquez 88)
Rumania 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 22,000.
Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Velasquez, Cueto, Cubillas (La Rosa) — Leguia, Uribe (Navarro), Oblitas.
Rumania: Iordache — Rednic, Iorgulescu, Bogdan, Ticleanu — Klein, Andonde, Boloni — Gabor (Augustin), Turcu (Jergan), Galaci.
*Rumania had Balaci sent off 40; Icrguelescu sent off 44.
Tegucigalpa
Honduras 0
Radnicki Nis 0
Att: 25,000.
Honduras: Nassar — Gruz, Villegas, Costly, Gutierrez — Toledo, Gilberto, Murillo — Morales, Betancourt, Guity. Subs used: Maradiaga, Bueso, Caballero.
Radnicki: Milenkovic — Gavrilovic, Obradovic, Rodosavljevic, Voinovic — Driesic, Stojilzvic, Djordjevic — Vajanovic, Satjovic, Nikolic. Subs used: Rensic, Miandrac, Espejanovic.
San Salvador
El Salvador 2 (Jorge Gonzalez 43, Ramirez Zapata 89)
Ponte Preta, Brz 2 (Ze Mario 31, Abel 55)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000.
El Salvador: Mora — Ridriguez (Ventura), Recinos, Castillo, Fagoaga — Huezo, Rugamas, Alfaro (Ramirez Zapata) — Gonzalez, Hernandez, Rivas (Aquino).
P. Preta: Luis Henrique — Edson, Waldir, Nene, Evaraldo — Ze Mario, Silvio (Heytor) Dica — Oswaldo, Toninho (Paulo Cesar), Abel (Zezinho).

MAY 18

Tangier
Kuwait 2 (Faisal Al-Dakheel 25, Hasim, Yacoub 67)
Manchester City 1 (Caton 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** Blati (Mor).
Kuwait: Aadam — Mahboub Jamaa, Mayouf, Achamri, Marzouk — El Houti, Bellouchi, Karam — Yacoub, Al-Anbari, Al-Dakheel.
City: Williams — Ryan, McDonald, Bord, Power, Caton, May, Reeves, Boyer, Hareide, Lomas.
Middlesbrough
Holland Amateurs 0
Belgium 6 (Vandenbergh (3), Vandersmissen, Ceulemans, and own goal)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 1,500.

MAY 19

Geneva
Algeria 4 (Zidane 2, 31, Tlemcani 75, 85)
Bastia 3 (Batamonte 44, Bracconi 61, Zerbi 72)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 2,500.
Algeria: Cerbah — Guendouz, Medjadhi (Merzekane 46), Kourichi, Kouici — Maroc (Bencheikh 46), Belloumi, Mansouri — Assad, Zidane (Tlemcani 46), Bourebou (Yahi 77).
***Santiago**
CHILE 2 (Bigorra 55, Caszely 62)
Romania 3 (Klein 8, 28, Augustin 25)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 28,000.
Chile: Osben — Garrido, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Mondaca (Ormeno), Alarcon (Bomvallet), Rojas (Neira) — Caszely, Gamboa, Moscoso.
Rumania: Moraru — Rednic, Boloni, Iorgulescu, Bogan — Ticleanu, Augustin, Klein (Blain) — Geolgau (Turcu), Camaratu, Balaci.
Bochum
VfL Bochum 2 (Oswald 79, Bittorf 89)
Cameroon 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000.
Bochum: Zumdick (Kristant) — Bast, Storck, Woelk, Jakobs (Zugcic) — Oswald, Blau, Bittrof — Kuehn (Zagorny), Abel, Binatelli (Gerland).
Cameroon: N'Kono — Onana, Kaham, Djeya, Mbom — Abega, Kunde, Mbida — Nguea (Kamga), Milla, Ebongue.
*Milla sent off 65.
Invercargill
New Zealand 1 (Rufer 25)
League of Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,000.

MAY 20

***Recife**
BRAZIL 1 (Zico 7 pen)
Switzerland 1 (Sulser 38)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 62,000. **Ref:** Wright (Brz).
Brazil: Valdir Peres — Leandro (Edevaldo 63), Oscar, Luizinho, Junior — Falcao, Socrates (Toninho Cerezo 63), Zico — Paulo Isidoro, Careca (Serginho 46), Eder.
Switzerland: Burgener — Luedi, Zappa, Egli, Heinz Hermann — Wehrli, Botteron (Favre 67), Barberis — Maissen (Scheiwiler 81), Sulser, Elsener (Brigger 87).
***Vienna**
AUSTRIA 1 (Degeorgi 4)
Denmark 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,500. **Ref:** Stumpf (WG)
Austria: Feurer — Krauss, Obermayer, Weber, Degeorgi — Hattenberger (Pichler 46), Gasselich (Brauneder 65), Baumeister (Pregesbauer 70) — Schachner, Welzl (Jurtin 62), Hagmayr.
Denmark: Qvist — Sivebaek, Busk, Roentved, Madsen — Bertelsen, Olsen, Arnesen, Skov — Elkjaer, Hansen.
***Halmstad**
Sweden 2 (Persson 59, Larsson 78)
East Germany 2 (Jarosch 43, Doerner 63)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,629.
San Salvador
El Salvador 0
Ponte Preta, Brz 3 (Oswaldo 31, Abel 64, 70)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Cardosa (ES).
El Salvador: Mora — Recinos, Rodriguez, Castillo, Ventura — Huezo, Alfaro (Ramirez Zapata), Rugamas — Ever Hernandez, Gonzalez, Aquino (Rivas).
P. Preta: Luis Henrique (Wilson) — Edson, Everaldo, Waldir, Nene (Eraldo) — Dica, Silvio, Ze Mario — Oswaldo, Toninho, Abel (Heytor).
Lima
Peru 2 (Uribe 59, Velasquez 89)
RWD Molenbeek 1 (Esposito 7)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Edison Perez (P).
Peru: Quiroga — Duarte, Diaz, Salguero, Olaechea — Cubillas, Cueto, Velasquez — Leguia, Uribe, Oblitas.
RWD: Ruiter — De Greef, Desaeyere, Golliere (Desmaiker), Trigaux — Dewaele, Noudet, Vanderelst — Thychosen, Jansen, Esposito.
*Quiroga saved a Jansen penalty, 15.
Tegucigalpa
Honduras 1 (Morales 37)
Real Madrid 1 (Cortes 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 34,000. **Ref:** Roberto Martinez (Ho).
Honduras: Arzu — Bulnes, Villegas, Costly, Guttierez — Maradiaga, Murillo, Toledo — Witti, Bailey, Morales. Subs used: Bueso, Cabbalero, Laing, Celaya.
Real Madrid: Agustin — Juan Jose, Garcia Navajas, Sabido, San Jose — Garcia Herndnez, Del Bosque, Angel — Ito, Pineda, Isidro. Subs used: Fraile, Salguero, Cortes.
***Santiago (May 22)**
CHILE 1 (Gamboa 1)
Rep. Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Ojeda (Ch).
Chile: Osben — Garrido (Galindo), Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Rivas, Dubo, Mario Soto O Yanez, Gamboa (Letelier), Moscoso.
Rep. Ireland: McDonagh — Deacy, Martin, Anderson, Walsh — Brady, Driscoll (Fairclough), Grealish — Daly, Robinson (Ryan), O'Callaghan.

MAY 23

Reims
Reims 0
Poland 5 (Lato 25, Yulan 56, Szymanowski 71, 74, Kusto 80, 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Slirog (F).
Reims: Velud — Haution (Mathou 73), Prince (Troussier 81), Arribat, Abreu — Charbonnier, Jaffres (Beau 63), Vercruysse — Bedouet, Bertolino, Lechantre.
Poland: Mlynarczyk — Dziuba (Kusto 46), Wojcicki (Kupcewicz 46), Zmuda, Jalocha — Buncol (Szymanowski 67), Matysik (Janas 46), Boniek — Lato, Szarmach (Yulan 46), Smolarek (Ciolek 67).
El Jadida (Mor)
Kuwait 1 (Al-Bulloushi 30)
Nottm Forest 1 (Faznit own goal 60)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,000 (including FIFA pres. Joao Havelange).
Auckland
New Zealand 0
Watford 1 (Barnes 9)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 12,500.
Schorndorf
VfL Schorndorf, WG 0
Cameroon 3 (Maya 37, 70, Nguea 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,500.
Revuca, Cz
Czechoslovakia 5 (Nehoda 24, 44, Vizek 51, 79 pen, Petrzela 52)
Honved 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 6,500.
Lyon
Lyon 1 (Chiesa)
Algeria 2 (Zidane, Belloumi)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Cherblanc (F).
Lyon: Jelic — Vargoz, Furlan (Cadillat 46), Ferri, Boissier — Plio, Fournier, Chiesa — Lubin (Gagneux 75), Solomenko, Emon (Giannetta 46).
Algeria: Cerbah — Guendouz, Kourichi, Merzekane, Liegeon (Larbes 55) — Mansouri, Chebel (Bencheikh 46), Dahleb (Belloumi 46) — Assad, Zidane (Tlemcani 75), Bourebbou.
Santiago
Chile 3 (Soto 35, Gamboa 47, Caszely 55)
Paris Saint-Germain 2 (Cadinet 80, N'Gom 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000
Chile: Osben — Galindo, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Escobar — Rivas (Ormeno), Dube, Soto (Neira) — Yanez (Puebla), Caszely, Gamboa.

MAY 24

Hampden
Scotland 1 (Hartford 6)
Wales 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 36,000. **Ref:** McKnight (NI).
Scotland: Rough — Stewart (Burley 72), Hansen, Narey, Gray — Souness, Hartford, Dalglish — Burns, Jordan (Sturrock 72), Brazil.
Wales: Davies — Marustik, B. Stevenson, Jones, N. Stevenson, Flynn (Thomas 75), Nicholas, R. James, Curtis (Walsh 75), Rush, L. James.

MAY 25

San Salvador
El Salvador 1 (Ramirez Zapata 76)
RWD Molenbeek 2 (Thychosen 22, De Mesmaeker 73)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 18,000.
El Salvador: Mora, Castillo, Rodriguez, Fagoaga (Arevalo), Recinos — Rugamas, Huezo, Ventura (Ramirez Zapata) — Gonzalez, Ever Herndnez, Rivas.
RWD: Quiterjon — De Greef, Dewaele, Golliere, Van der Elst — Alain (Dudy) Thychosen, Martens — De Salyere, Jansen (Buyle), De Mesmaeker.

***Wembley**
ENGLAND 2 (Woodcock 47, Mariner 53)
Holland 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 62,000. **Ref:** Bergamo (It).
England: Shilton — Neal, Thompson, Foster, Sansom — Wilkins, Robson, McDermott, Devon-

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shire (Rix 46) — Mariner (Barnes 82), Woodcock.

Holland: Van Breukelen — Opho, Van der Korput, Krol, Metgod (Rijkaard 72), Boeve — Peters (Van de Kerkhof 64), Muhren — La Ling, (Van Kooten 72), Kieft, Tahamata.

Lima
Peru 1 (Navarro 31)
CNI Iquitos 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,000.

MAY 26

Kaiserslautern
Kaiserslautern 0
Cameroon 0
Att: 2,000. **Ref:** Oberstein (WG).

Kaiserslautern: Hellstroem — Wolf, Breheme, Neues, Briegel, Susek, Funkel, Geye, Eilenfeldt (Plath 86), Huebner (Eigendorf 46), Hofeditz (Brummer 43).

Cameroon: N'Kono — Kaham, Onana, Djeya, M'Bom, Abega, Kunde, M'bida, Ebongue (Aoudou 73), Maya, Nguea (Toloto 83).

*Cameroon had Kaham and Djeya sent off.

Lens
Racing Lens 0
Poland 3 (Lato 15, Smolarek 17, Iwan 54)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Di Bernardo (F).

Lens: Hedoire — Tirloit (Bade 46), Flak, Leprovost, Catalano, Blanc, Leclerq, Xuereb (Agostini 68), Thordarsson (Query 46), Brisson.

Poland: Mlynarczyk (Kazmierski 46) — Szymanowski (Dziuba 46), Zmuda, Janas, Jalocha — Majewski (Kupcewicz 46), Buncol, Boniek, Lato (Ciolek 46) — Iwan (Szarmach 62), Smolarek (Kusto 62).

Tata
Hungary 4 (Poloskei, Csongradi, Szentes, Balint).
Hercules Alicante 2 (Segundo, Herrera).
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000.

Wellington
New Zealand 1 (Wooddin 40).
Watford 1 (Blissett 57 pen).
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,000.

Casablanca
Kuwait 1 (Youssef 67)
Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Lottermann 40, 63)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000.

Upper Savoy
Thonon 2 (Coste 44, Durogno 70)
Cameroon 2 (Bourebbou 13, Yahi 87)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 1,500.

Buenos Aires
Argentina 1 (Kempes 50)
Benfica 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 17,000.

Argentina: Filloll — Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini — Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona (Hernandez) — Bertoni (Valdano), Diaz, Kempes.

Benfica: Bento — Jose Luis, Bastos, Humberto Coelho (Reinaldo), Veloso, Paulo Cesar (Frederico), Carlos Manuel (Padinha), Chalama, Sheu (Filipovic), Nene, Jorge Gomez.

MAY 27

Pontaise
Lausanne 0
Algeria 4 (Bensaoula 40, 70, Zidane 52, Assad 87)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,800. **Ref:** Mercier (Swz).

Lausanne: Milani (Varquez 46) — Crescenzi, Batardon, Barnert, Chapuisat, Gryf Pfister (Dario 59), Del Ravello, Parietti (Castella 46), Mauron (Uva 78), Kok, Diserens.

Algeria: Cerbah — Mansouri, Horr (Kourichi 46), Guendouz, Larbes (Merzekane 46), Fergani (Chebel 68), Maroc, Belloumi, Dahleb, Assad, Bansaoula (Yahi 81), Bourebbou (Zidane 46).

***Wrexham**
Wales 3 (Curtis 18, Rush 64, Nicholas 75)
N. IRELAND 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,315 (lowest-ever for full intl. in Britain). **Ref:** G. Smith (Scot).

Wales: Southall — Marustik, B. Stevenson, N. Stevenson, Jones, R. James, Nicholas, Flynn, L. James (Thomas), Curtis (Walsh), Rush.

N. Ireland: Jennings (Platt 46) — J. Nicholl, Donaghy, McClelland, C. Nicholl, Cleary, Brotherston, Healy, Armstrong, McIlroy, Hamilton. Sub: Campbell.

Lima
Peru 3 (Col own goal 44, Uribe 60 pen, Cubillas 75)
Paris Saint-Germain 1 (Renault 64)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 29,885. **Ref:** Edson Perez (Pe).

Peru: Quiroga — Duratte, Diaz, Arizaga, Olaechea — Velasquez (Rojas), Cueto, Cubillas (Navarro) — Leguia, Uribe (La Rosa), Oblitas.

Paris SG: Mirelle — Pilorget (Toko), Bathenay, Guillecomb, Col — Renault, Lemout, Boubacar — Toffolo, N'Gom, Sanchez (Cardinet).

Santiago
Chile 0
Internazionale 0
Att: 45,000. **Ref:** Martin (Ch).

Chile: Osben — Carrido, Figueroa, Soto, Bigorra — Ormeno (Rivas), Bubo, Moscoso — Yanez, Caszely (Letelier), Gamboa (Neira).

Inter: Tacconi — Pasinato (Pancheri), Canuti, Bini, G. Baresi, Bagni, Giovanelli, Beccalossi (Vignola), Juary, Serena, Centi.

***Copenhagen**
Denmark 1 (Elljaer 62)
BELGIUM 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 14,000.

Denmark: Kjaer — Sivebaeck, Busk, Roentved, Madsen — Lerby (Hansen), Bertelsen, Arnesen (Christensen) — Olsen (Skov), Elkjaer, Bastrup.

Belgium: Pfaff (Custers) — Gerets, Millecamps, Deschrijver, Renquin — Van Moer (Mommens), Van der Elst, Coeck, Vercauteren (Czerniatynski) — Vandernbergh. Ceulemans (Daerden).

***Uberlandia (Brz) (May 27)**
BRAZIL 7 (Falcao 32, Socrates 53, 72, Serginho 64, 74, Luisinho 69, Zico 78)
Rep. Ireland 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 60,000. **Ref:** Arppi Filho (Brz).

Brazil: Valdir Peres (Paulo Sergio 80) — Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior — Falcao, Socrates, Zico — Paulo Isidoro (Toninho Cerezo 60), Careca (Serginho 45), Eder (Dirceu 80).

Rep. Ireland: McDonagh — Deacy, Martin, Anderson, Walsh, Brady, Grealish, O'Driscoll, Daly, B. O'Callaghan, K. O'Callaghan.

Hagenau (May 27)
Haguenau 0
Poland 5 (Palasz 61, Szarmach 67, Kusto 70, Ciolek 79, Romke 86)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000.

Poland: Mylnarczyk (Mowlik 46) — Dziuba, Matysik, Majewski, Janas — Palasz, Romke, Kupcewicz — Ciolek, Szarmach, Kusto.

Tegucigalpa (May 27)
Honduras 2 (Bailey 10, Figueroa 47)
Club Brugge 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.

MAY 28

***Geneva**
Switzerland 1 (Barberis 50)
ITALY 1 (Cabrini 79)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Mathias (Aus).

Switzerland: Burgener —Luedi, Egli, Cappa, Heinz Hermann — Wehrli, Favre, Botteron, Barberis — Sulser, Elsener (Zwicker 76).

Italy: Zoff (Bordon 46) — Gentile, Cabrini, Marini (Dossena 76), Collovati, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Rossi, Antognoni (Oriali 73), Graziani (Altobelli 5).

Settat (Mor)
Kuwait 1 (El Houti 2)
Standard Liege 1 (Vandermissen 54)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 17,500.

MAY 29

***Hampden**
SCOTLAND 0
ENGLAND 1 (Mariner 13)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Redelfs (WG).

Scotland: Rough — Burley, Evans, Hansen, McGrain — Dalglish, Narey, Souness, Hartford (Robertson 46) — Brazil, Jordan (Sturrock 63).

England: Shilton — Mills, Butcher, Thompson, Sansom — Coppell, Robson, Wilkins, Brooking — Mariner (Francis 46), Keegan (McDermott 56).

*England win the British championship in this 100th international against Scotland.

Budapest
Hungary 2 (Fazekas 20, Szentes 74)
Elche 1 (Nando 36 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 12,000.

Mulhouse
Mulhouse 1 (Durkalic 68)
Poland 5 (Smolarek 30, Boniek 43, Majewski 60, Szarmach 68, Palasz 89)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 7,500.

MAY 30

Rabat (Mor)
Kuwait 1 (Hassan 49)
Aston Villa 1 (Bremner 40)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,750.

San Salvador
El Salvador 2 (Huezo 6, Ever Hernandez 22).
Paris Saint-Germain 1 (N'Gom 55).
Att: 25,000.

Bad Orb (WG)
Bad Orb 0
Cameroon 1 (Beb)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,200.

Bratislava
Czechoslovakia 2 (Janecka, Chaloupka).
FK Austria 1 (Steinkogler)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,500.

Auckland
New Zealand 0
Watford 2 (Barnes 10, Blissett 29)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 8,000.

JUNE 1

Fürth
Fürth 0
Cameroon 2 (Maya 34, 67)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,200
Hamburg
Hamburg 2 (Bastrup 78, Beckenbauer 82)
W. Germany 4 (Rummenigge 13, Müller 23, Beckenbauer og 47, Breitner 65)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 45,000. **Ref:** Eschweiler (WG)

Hamburg: Stein — Kaltz, Hieronymus, Jakobs, Wehmeyer, Memering (Von Heesen 46), Beckenbauer, Groh, Magath, Hrubesch, Bastrup.

W. Germany: Schumacher — Hannes (Engels 46), Matthäus (T. Allofs 64), K-H. Förster, B. Förster, Stielike, Breitner, Müller, Briegel, Rummenigge, Littbarski.

*Beckenbauer Farewell game.

Tours
Tours 4 (Augustin 34, 42, 51, Bassot 49)
Algeria 5 (Madjer 12, Assad 76, 89, Bourebbou 83, Bensaoula 87)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 4,000.

JUNE 2

Reutlingen
Stuttgart 1 (Allgower 22)
Poland 2 (Lato 3, Boniek 28)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Waltz (WG)

Stuttgart: Grunnger — Martin, Habiger, Schaefer, Adrion, Kelsch, Beck, Ohlicher, Reichel, Allgower, Weiss.

Poland: Mlynarczyk — Majewski, Janas, Jalocha, Skrobowski, Buncol, Lato, Matysik, Boniek, Iwan, Smolarek.

Zenica
Celik Zenica
Yugoslavia 2 (Gudelj 43, Sestic 76)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 4,500.

Yugoslavia: Svilar-Zor — Vujovic, Hrstic, Jovanovic (Zivkovic), Stojkovic, Gudelj, Zl. Vujovic (Sestic), Petrovic (Jerkovic), Susic (Halilhodzic), Slijvo, Surjak (Pasic).

Poprad (Cz)
Czechoslovakia 3 (Berger 6, Danek 12, Petrzelka 87), Szombierki Bytom 1 (Skiba SS).
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 7,400.

JUNE 2

***Reykjavik**
Iceland 1 (Gudjohnson 23)
ENGLAND 1 (Goddard 69)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Nielsen (Den)

Iceland: Baldursson — Askarsson, Giersson, Jonsson, Haraldsson — K. Thordarsson, Gud-

European championship

Preliminary Round

Group 1

6.10.82 Belgium — Switzerland
13.10.82 Scotland — E. Germany
17.11.82 Switzerland — Scotland
15.12.82 Belgium — Scotland
30. 3.83 Scotland — Switzerland
30. 3.83 E. Germany — Belgium
27. 4.83 Belgium — E. Germany
14. 5.83 Switzerland — E. Germany
12.10.83 Scotland — Belgium
12.10.83 E. Germany — Switzerland
9.11.83 Switzerland — Belgium
16.11.83 E. Germany — Scotland

Group 2

8. 9.82 Finland — Poland
22. 9.82 Finland — Portugal
10.10.82 Portugal — Poland
13.10.82 USSR — Finland
17. 4.83 Poland — Finland
27. 4.83 USSR — Portugal
22. 5.83 Poland — USSR
1. 6.83 Finland — USSR
21. 9.83 Portugal — Finland
9.10.83 USSR — Poland
28.10.83 Poland — Portugal
13.11.83 Portugal — USSR

Group 3

22. 9.82 Denmark — England
9.10.82 Luxembourg — Greece
10.11.82 Luxembourg — Denmark
17.11.82 Greece — England
15.12.82 England — Luxembourg
27. 3.83 Luxembourg — Hungary
30. 3.83 England — Greece
16. 4.83 Hungary — Luxembourg
27. 4.83 England — Hungary
27. 4.83 Denmark — Greece
15. 5.83 Hungary — Greece
1. 6.83 Denmark — Hungary
21. 9.83 England — Denmark
12.10.83 Hungary — England
12.10.83 Denmark — Luxembourg
26.10.83 Hungary — Denmark
16.11.83 Greece — Denmark
16.11.83 Luxembourg — England
3.12.83 Greece — Hungary
14.12.83 Greece — Luxembourg

Group 4

22. 9.82 Wales — Norway
13.10.82 Norway — Yugoslavia
27.10.82 Bulgaria — Norway
17.11.82 Bulgaria — Yugoslavia
15.12.82 Yugoslavia — Wales
27. 4.83 Wales — Bulgaria
7. 9.83 Norway — Bulgaria
21. 9.83 Norway — Wales
12.10.83 Yugoslavia — Norway
16.11.83 Bulgaria — Wales
14.12.83 Wales — Yugoslavia
21.12.83 Yugoslavia — Bulgaria

Group 5

1. 5.82 Rumania — Cyprus
8. 9.82 Rumania — Sweden
6.10.82 Czechoslovakia — Sweden
13.11.82 Italy — Czechoslovakia
13.11.82 Cyprus — Sweden
4.12.82 Italy — Rumania
12. 2.83 Cyprus — Italy
27. 3.83 Cyprus — Czechoslovakia
16. 4.83 Rumania — Italy
16. 4.83 Czechoslovakia — Cyprus
15. 5.83 Sweden — Cyprus
15. 5.83 Rumania — Czechoslovakia
26. 5.83 Sweden — Italy
9. 6.83 Sweden — Rumania
21. 9.83 Sweden — Czechoslovakia
15.10.83 Italy — Sweden
12.11.83 Cyprus — Rumania
16.11.83 Czechoslovakia — Italy
30.11.83 Czechoslovakia — Rumania
22.12.83 Italy — Cyprus

Group 6

22. 9.82 Austria — Albania
13.10.82 Austria — N. Ireland
27.10.82 Turkey — Albania
17.11.82 N. Ireland — W. Germany
17.11.82 Austria — Turkey
15.12.82 Albania — N. Ireland
30. 3.83 N. Ireland — Turkey
30. 3.83 Albania — W. Germany
23. 4.83 Turkey — W. Germany
27. 4.83 Austria — W. Germany
27. 4.83 N. Ireland — Albania
12. 5.83 Albania — Turkey
8. 6.83 Albania — Austria
21. 9.83 N. Ireland — Austria
5.10.83 W. Germany — Austria
12.10.83 Turkey — N. Ireland
26.10.83 W. Germany — Turkey
16.11.83 W. Germany — N. Ireland
16.11.83 Turkey — Austria
20.11.83 W. Germany — Albania

Group 7

5. 6.82 Malta — Iceland
1. 9.82 Iceland — Holland
22. 9.82 Holland — Rep. Ireland
13.10.82 Rep. Ireland — Iceland
27.10.82 Spain — Iceland
17.11.82 Rep. Ireland — Spain
19.12.82 Malta — Holland
16. 2.83 Spain — Holland
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16.11.83 Holland — Spain
16.11.83 Ireland — Malta
17.12.83 Holland — Malta
21.12.83 Spain — Malta

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1960 (Paris): Russia 2, Yugoslavia 1 aet.
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1976 (Belgrade): Czechoslovakia bt W. Germany 5-3 on pens after 2-2 draw, aet.
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England: Corrigan — Anderson, Watson, Osman, Neal — McDermott, Hoddle, Devonshire — Withe, Regis (Goddard 40), Morley.

***Toulouse**
FRANCE 0
Wales 1 (Rush 55)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.

France: Casateda — Battiston, Lopez, Tresor (Mahut 46), Bossis — Larios (Tigana 64), Giresse, Platini — Couriol, Solder, Six (Bellone 56).

Wales: Davies — Marustik, Price, B. Stevenson, Jones — Nicholas, R. James, Flynn — Walsh (Davies 71), Rush, L. James.

Brussels
Belgium 4 (Vanderbergh 4, Czerniatynski 55, 77, Ceulemans 69)
Ajax Amsterdam 2 (Schoenaker 14, Kieft 30)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 40,000.

Belgium: Pfaff (Munaron 46) — Gerets, Millecamps, De Schrijver, Renquin (Baecke 46) — Van Moer (Vandersmissen 46), Van der Elst, Coeck, Vercauteren (Czerniatynski 46) — Vandenbergh, Ceulemans.

Ajax: Schrijvers — Boeve, Wynberg, Jansen, Ophof — Cruyff (Vanskyp 46), Vanenburg, Lerby — Schoenaker, Kieft, Olsen.

***Rabat**
Morocco 3 (Tissir 10, 86, Dahane 89)
KUWAIT 3 (Bellouchi 16, 18, Al-Dakheel 82)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Hajane (Mor)

Morocco: Bennaissa — Dahane, Hailm, Shassah, Fennani — Beggar (Haouate), Hcina, Tissir — Timoumi (Touharia), Boushaba, Bihi.

Kuwait: Tarabulsi — Maayouf, Joumah, Saad, Bellouchi (Fleitah), Al-Yasim, Al Houti, Hassan (Swidi) — Al Dalheel, Yacoub, Al Anbari.

Budapest
Hungary 1 (Varga 89)
Kaiserslautern 1 (Heubner 59)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,250.

Santiago
Chile 4 (Neira, Caszely, Moscoso, Rivas)
Botafogo 1 (Rogeiro)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 35,000.

Chile: Osben — Garrido, Valenzuela, Figueroa, Bigorra — Dubo, Bonvallet (Rivas), Neira — Yanez, Caszely (Letelier), Moscoso.

JUNE 3

***Helsinki**
Finland 1 (Haaskivi 80 pen)
England 4 (Mariner 14, 62, Robson 27, 58)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 21,421. **Ref:** Romualdas (R).

Finland: Alaja (Hurrunen 68) — Lahtinen, Iraelaeinen, Granskog, Pekonen, Turunen (Kymaelainen), Haaskivi, Rautiainen, Himanka, Ismael, Niemenin (Valvee 55).

England: Clemence — Mills, Thompson, Martin, Sansom — Coppell (Francis 65), Robson, Wilkins, Brooking (Woodcock 68) — Keegan, Mariner.

***Stockholm**
Sweden 1 (Bjorn Nilsson 85)
RUSSIA 1 (Blokhin 50)
HT: 0-0. **Att:**. 12,739. **Ref:** Mansson (Den).

Sweden: T. Ravelli — Fredriksson, Borg, Dalqvist, Erlandsson, Stroemberg, P. Nilsson, Tord Holmgren (Persson 76), Larsson, Svensson, T. Holmgren (B. Nilsson 80).

Russia: Dassayev — Sulakvelidze, Khidiatulin, Baltacha, Demyanenko (Borovsky 83) — Bal (Daraselia 66), Bessonov, Susloparov (Oganessian 52), Shengelia (Andreyev 69) — Gavrilov, Blokhin.

Lisbon
Belenenses 3 (Djao 2, Arnaldo)
Brazil 13 (Careca 3, Serginho 4, Zico 3, Edevaldo, Leandro, Dirceu)
HT: 2-4. **Att:** 8,320.

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AUSTRIA — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rapid	36	18	11	7	69	43	47
Austria	36	18	3	10	54	32	44
Graz AK	36	16	6	14	40	47	38
Admira	36	14	8	14	52	59	36
Innsbruck	36	14	7	15	60	52	35
Sturm Graz	36	14	5	17	53	62	33
Sportclub	36	12	9	15	49	61	33
Voest Linz	36	12	8	16	38	41	32
Salzburg	36	11	9	16	48	55	31
Linz ASK	36	12	7	17	36	47	31

ICELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIBV	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Breidablik	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Vikingur Reykjavik	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
IA Akranes	2	1	0	1	3	2	2
Fram Reykjavik	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Akureyri	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
KR Reykjavik	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Isafjordur	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Valur Reykjavik	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
IB Keflavik	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Goeteburg	5	3	1	1	8	3	7
Malmö	5	2	3	0	5	2	7
Hammarby	5	2	2	1	9	5	6
Kalmar	5	2	2	1	6	3	6
Halmstadt	5	2	2	1	9	8	6
Norrkoeping	5	1	3	1	5	5	5
Oergryte	5	2	1	2	11	13	5
Oester	5	2	1	2	5	2	5
Elfsborg	5	1	3	1	3	3	5
AIK	5	1	1	3	2	7	3
Aatvidaberg	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
Brage	5	1	0	4	2	8	2

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CSKA	28	20	3	5	66	25	43
Levski	28	18	6	4	54	28	42
Slavia	28	13	5	10	31	33	31
Lokomotiv	28	13	5	10	38	32	31
Varna	28	13	5	10	40	36	31
Bourgas	28	13	4	11	41	38	30
Trakia	28	12	4	12	41	38	28
Haskovo	28	11	6	11	32	35	28
Etar	28	9	9	10	44	45	27
Spartak	28	12	3	13	36	35	27
Belasitsa	28	10	5	13	29	39	25
Sliven	28	9	7	12	34	35	25
Marek	28	8	8	12	22	39	24
Botev	28	6	8	14	21	39	20
Beroe	28	7	5	16	29	45	19
Akademik	28	6	5	17	21	49	17

RUMANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dinamo Buc	30	18	6	6	52	27	42
Univ Craiova	30	18	4	8	59	24	40
Corv Huned	30	15	7	8	59	34	37
FC Olt	30	14	5	11	41	37	33
Steaua Bucarest	30	12	8	10	36	29	32
Sportul Stud Buc	30	10	12	8	31	33	32
Polit Timisoara	30	10	8	12	32	35	28
Jiul Petrosani	30	9	10	11	35	39	28
SC Bacau	30	9	10	11	33	40	28
FCM Brasov	30	11	6	13	25	34	28
FC Constanta	30	9	10	11	31	40	28
Univ Cluj Napoca	30	10	8	12	30	40	28
CS Targoviste	30	11	6	13	26	40	28
Chimia RM Valcea	30	10	8	12	28	42	28
FC Arges Pitesti	30	9	9	12	32	30	27
UT Arad	30	10	7	13	31	34	27
ASA TG Mures	30	11	4	15	40	44	26
Progresul Buc	30	7	6	17	27	50	20

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Servette	28	20	5	3	71	26	45
Grasshoppers	28	19	7	2	64	22	45
Zurich	28	16	10	2	52	23	42
Neufchâtel	28	16	9	3	59	26	41
Young Boys	27	14	7	6	47	36	35
Sion	28	11	6	11	46	43	28
Basle	28	11	5	12	44	46	28
Lucerne	28	10	5	13	49	54	25
Aaran	28	9	7	12	46	53	25
Saint-Gall	27	10	4	13	38	41	24
Vevey	28	5	11	12	38	50	21
Lausanne	28	6	8	14	36	45	20
Bellizon	28	6	8	14	31	62	19
Bulle	28	4	9	15	27	55	17
Nordstern	28	6	4	18	27	60	16
Chiasso	28	4	8	16	23	56	16

E. GERMANY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Dynamo Berlin	26	18	5	3	74	27	41
Dyn Dresden	26	15	4	7	50	24	34
Frankfürt/Oder	26	14	5	7	56	39	33
Lok Leipzig	26	13	7	6	53	29	33
Iéna	26	14	4	8	48	27	32
FC Magdeburg	26	13	6	7	49	42	32
Erfurt	26	10	8	8	55	44	28
Rostock	26	9	7	10	37	40	25
FC Karl-Marx Stadt	26	9	6	11	50	38	24
Wismut	26	8	7	11	33	48	23
Chemie Halle	26	8	7	11	28	46	23
Zwickau	26	4	6	16	24	57	14
Cottbus	26	3	5	18	21	62	11
Schkopau	26	3	5	18	21	77	11

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ararat	12	7	2	3	18	13	16
Dyn Minsk	10	6	3	1	14	9	15
Spartak	11	5	4	2	16	8	14
Karkov	11	5	3	3	13	8	13
Paktakor	11	4	5	2	10	10	13
Dyn Kiev	9	4	3	1	12	4	11
Kairat	11	4	3	3	12	14	11
Kouban	11	4	3	4	18	17	11
Dyn Tbilisi	8	4	2	2	13	11	10
Dyn Moscow	12	4	2	6	15	16	10
Zen Leningrad	10	3	4	3	9	7	10
Neftchi Bakou	10	4	1	5	13	16	9
CSKA	10	4	1	5	12	14	9
Dniepr	10	2	5	3	8	13	9
Torp Moscow	10	2	3	5	7	10	7
Torp Koutaissi	11	2	3	6	12	18	7
Odessa	11	1	5	5	7	12	7
Chaktior	11	1	6	5	7	16	6

W. GERMANY — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	34	18	12	4	95	45	48
Cologne	34	18	9	7	72	38	45
Bayern	34	20	3	11	77	56	43
Kaiserslautern	34	16	10	8	70	61	42
Brémen	34	17	8	9	61	52	42
Dortmund	34	18	5	11	59	40	41
München-Gladbach	34	15	10	9	61	51	40
Frankfurt	34	17	3	14	83	72	37
Stuttgart	34	13	9	12	62	55	35
Bochum	34	12	8	14	52	51	32
Brunswick	34	14	4	16	61	66	32
Bielefeld	34	12	6	16	46	50	30
Nurnberg	34	11	6	17	53	72	28
Karlsruhe	34	9	9	16	50	68	27
Dusseldorf	34	6	13	15	48	73	25
Leverkusen	34	9	7	18	45	72	25
Darmstadt	34	5	11	18	46	82	21
Duisburg	34	8	3	23	40	77	19

GREECE — FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Panathinaikos	34	19	12	3	58	28	50
Olympiakos	34	18	14	2	46	21	50
PAOK	34	18	10	6	55	22	46
AEK	34	17	11	6	54	36	45
Aris	34	15	11	8	56	30	41
Hirakles	34	15	10	9	52	37	40
Panionios	34	14	8	19	38	31	36
Kastoria	34	13	8	13	38	43	34
OFI Crète	34	11	11	12	38	36	33
Doxa	34	10	11	13	38	46	31
Larissa	34	12	7	15	40	38	31
Rhodes	34	11	9	14	38	47	31
Ethnikos	34	10	10	14	30	38	30
Yannina	34	9	10	15	28	45	28
Apollon	34	10	7	17	31	45	27
Serres	34	8	9	17	26	45	25
Kavala	34	5	8	21	19	58	16
Corinth	34	6	4	24	24	63	16

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyngby	9	5	3	1	16	7	13
Aarhus	9	5	2	2	19	12	12
Odense	9	5	2	2	12	5	12
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Naestved	9	1	4	4	9	17	6

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Honduras 2
Gremio, Brz 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 23,000.

JUNE 5

Belgrade
Yugoslavia 2 (Hailihodzic 56, Hrstic 83)
Press Selection 3 (Vukotic 17, Mrkela 78, Mijnaric 86)
HT: 0-1. Att: 55,000.

Prague
Czechoslovakia 4 (Pqnenka 26, Masny 35, Vizek 36, Kriz 56)
Nurnberg 4 (Liberwirth 38, Schlegel 40, Dressel 74, Heck 79)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 8.000.

JUNE 6

San Salvador
El Salvador 1 (Rivas 51)
Gremio, Brz 1 (Isaisas 7)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 36,000.

El Salvador: Mora — Castillo, Fagoaga, Rodriguez (Arevaldo), Recinos, Rugamas, Huezo, Alfaro (Ramirez Zapata), Rivasm Hernandez (Ventura), Gonzalez.

Gremio: Remy (Beto) — Cpsta, Sackis, De Leon, Maga-haes — Conceicao, Bonamigo (Renato), Gil — Souza, Celestino (De Moises), Isaias (Mocellin).

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